

Thatcher to reveal BAE letter in attack on Heseltine

The Prime Minister hopes to use the confidential letter from Sir Austin Pearce, British Aerospace chairman, against Mr Michael Heseltine in the Commons today.

Mr Leon Brittan said yesterday that he still had not seen the contents of the letter, believed to support some of Mr Heseltine's allegations.

The Prime Minister will publish the "private and strictly confidential" letter from Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace, and her reply, as part of an all-out onslaught against Mr Michael Heseltine over the Westland affair in the Commons today.

After a day of ministerial doubt and confusion, Mrs Margaret Thatcher told Mr Neil Kinnock in Commons yesterday: "My office has been in touch with Sir Austin Pearce. It will be my intention to consult him later today. I recognize the importance which this letter has assumed and will be consulting him about publication."

Yesterday morning, Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who apologized to the House of Commons on Monday after denying knowledge of a letter from BAE to journalists at Westminster: "I haven't seen the contents of Sir Austin's letter because it is strictly private and confidential."

Sowing Street sources said later that he would be shown the letter and would be consulted about a reply.

The letter is understood to repeat the claim made by Mr Heseltine in last Thursday's resignation statement that Mr Brittan pressed Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of British Aerospace, to pull his company

out of the Anglo-European bid for a Westland stake "in the national interest".

Mr Brittan told the Commons on Monday that this was untrue. He reported that he had said: "It was not in the national interest that the uncertainty involving Westland should drag on."

With the Prime Minister replying to Mr Heseltine's detailed charges in a full-scale Commons debate today, the former Secretary of State for Defence and the Labour leader will be keen to concentrate on the central issue of the Westland affair - the switch of support away from a European rescue to an American Sikorsky bid put up by United Technologies-Fiat.

Sources close to Mr Brittan yesterday confirmed that he had actively attempted to kill the November 29 provisional recommendation of the European national armaments directors, at two ad hoc ministerial meetings on December 4 and 5, because the agreement to meet future needs with helicopters designed and built in Europe was intended to block Sikorsky-Fiat.

At those meetings a majority of ministers - Mrs Thatcher, Lord Whitelaw, the Lord President, Mr Brittan, and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or his alternate,

Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury - were said to be "prepared to repudiate or reject" the armaments directors' recommendation, which would have been the basis for any European bid.

Mr Heseltine successfully argued for the continued existence of the agreement, without ministerial endorsement, as the foundation of his efforts to create a European offer.

That was accepted by a majority of colleagues at a further and larger meeting of ministers, the economic affairs committee of the Cabinet, on December 9.



Mrs Thatcher leaving Downing Street for the Commons yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

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Safety at more stadiums urged

By Philip Webster Political Reporter Hundreds of cricket, rugby and other sports grounds will have to meet the stringent new safety standards demanded of football league clubs after the Bradford fire disaster last May, under a report just received by the Government.

Mr Justice Poplewell, appointed to investigate the Bradford fire on May 11, the rioting involving Birmingham City and Leeds United fans on the same day and the Eurocon Cup final tragedy in Brussels on May 29, is expected to recommend in a report to be published tomorrow that all sports grounds capable of holding more than a specified number of spectators should meet the new standards. He is understood to have set the figure at between 5,000 and 10,000 spectators.

He will propose that they should be designated as such under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975 which will mean the introduction of expensive fire and security measures.

After the Bradford fire, which killed 56 people, all clubs in the third and fourth football divisions were designated. They are receiving assistance from the Football Trust, which devotes 55 per cent of income it receives from pools promoters to ground improvements. The Government is giving the clubs five years to complete the work but it is not making finance available, because of the Football Trust income. Other sports do not have similar sources of finance.

The judge is understood to accept the problems of finance and manpower that his proposal could cause, but he will say that the millions who attend sports grounds every year are entitled to reasonable degrees of safety.

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Portfolio

Four winners share yesterday's £2,000 Times Portfolio competition prize. They are Mr B. Louis of Prestwood, Buckinghamshire, Mr M. Drury of Watford, Hertfordshire, Mr B. Stephens of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, and Mr H. Watson of Fittleworth, Sussex. Portfolio list, page 20. How to play, information service, back page.

Interest rates rise blocked

The Bank of England went to unusual lengths to calm the City and prevent a further "inappropriate" rise in interest levels after the money market rates shot up, prompting fears of a 1 1/2 point increase in bank base rates to 14 per cent.

Teachers' peace talks go on

Peace talks in the teachers' pay dispute, which were described as "fruitful" by a union leader, were adjourned by ASEP, the mediation service, and will resume today.

Jobless cut is CBI priority

The Confederation of British Industry has called on the Chancellor to give priority in his Budget to measures to reduce unemployment, rather than reducing personal taxes or helping business.

Dallas' returns

Dallas, the US soap opera, returns to BBC screens in March, after the settlement of the commercial dispute in which Thames Television took it from the BBC last year.

Danish crisis

Denmark was plunged into a political crisis as the Prime Minister, Mr Poul Schluter, threatened a referendum on the proposed EEC reforms if the Social Democrats blocked them.

Newspaper talks

As officials of the electricians' union prepared to discuss with News International an agreement covering its new docklands plant, journalists at the Sunday Times spoke of a possible alternative newspaper.

Libyan alert

US Navy F18 jets from the carrier Coral Sea intercepted two Libyan MiG25s shadowing a US reconnaissance plane over the Mediterranean. The Libyans returned to base.

Dutch caution

The head of the biggest Dutch police union has advised his members "to pack up and run" in case of a terrorist attack.

Tebbit operation

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman who was injured in the Brighton bombing in October 1984, has had a further operation at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The hospital said it had gone well.

Airlift appeal

Lesotho has appealed to Britain and the United States to help to provide an airlift to beat a border blockade by South Africa.

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Sikorsky nearer victory after secret buyer raises holding

Westland looked closer to winning its fight to join with Sikorsky-Fiat yesterday as an anonymous, and apparently pro-Sikorsky, buyer added a 6 per cent holding to the 9 per cent he bought on Monday.

As the Westland shareholders' meeting went through the formalities of opening at the Connaught Rooms in London only to be adjourned to the excitement in the stock market where the vital votes were being bought and sold.

Apart from the anonymous buyer, it is also believed that Mr Alan Bristow, a supporter of the rival European consortium, was offering to buy more shares.

The 6 per cent, thought to have been accumulated from institutions not expected to vote for the Sikorsky deal, was bought through Westland's broker, Rowe & Pitman.

Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell, a senior partner, said the price was closer to £1.10 than £1.25, although the buyer paid slightly more than £1.25 for the shares he bought on Monday.

His total holding is now fractionally below 15 per cent and is likely to stay there because Stock Exchange rules dictate that, should the holding go above 15 per cent, the buyer must offer shareholders the highest cash price he paid for

any of the shares if he bids for the entire company within a year.

Mr Wilmot-Sitwell said: "Our client wishes to retain the maximum flexibility." He refused to give any indication of the client's identity and Westland's board and its adviser say they do not know who it is.

But Mr David Horne of Lloyds Merchant Bank, advisers to the European consortium, is still querying whether there is a link between Westland and the new shareholder. If there were, Stock Exchange rules, although not the law,

would prohibit the shares from being voted at Friday's meeting.

The Stock Exchange has discussed this with Mr Wilmot-Sitwell, who says that he put questions to his client, assured himself that there was no connection with Westland, and related this information to the Stock Exchange. "They were satisfied there was no relationship," he said.

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US ready to give millions to Ulster

From Christopher Thomas Washington London and Dublin are confident of getting massive American aid to help to rebuild Northern Ireland's ravaged economy after "highly successful" negotiations with the Reagan Administration this week.

The unpublicized joint approach would have been unanimous before the Anglo-Irish accord approved by both parliaments in November. The new co-operation is viewed with great excitement in Congress, which has a powerful Irish lobby and is ready to welcome a request for White House funds.

Since November, British and Irish officials have been drawing up broad details of an aid plan. There has been no discussion of figures, but the US Administration is thinking in terms of several hundred million dollars, despite its attempts to cut the budget deficit. British and Irish officials believe between £200 million and £350 million realistic.

Two senior officials of the Northern Ireland Office with Mr Sean Donlon, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin, held three hours of talks on Monday with an American team headed by Ambassador Rozanne Ridgway, assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs.

Discussion centred on aid that would most contribute to rebuilding Northern Ireland and border areas.

But most of the money, at least initially, would go directly towards bombed-out inner-city areas.

The British and Irish teams will also explore offers of aid from Canada, Australia, EEC countries and New Zealand.

A US economic aid package has been predicted confidently since the Anglo-Irish agreement, though discussion of its size is described by American officials as "very premature" (Richard Ford writes).

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Man charged over murder of girl in bed

Detectives last night charged a South London man, aged 19, with the murder last week of Tessie Howden, who was strangled and sexually assaulted in her bed.

Gary Taken, of Heather Way, Selisdon, near Croydon, who lives about a mile from the scene of the murder, was arrested yesterday afternoon at his home and taken to Croydon police station for questioning.

He is not thought to be known to the dead girl or her family.

Miss Howden, aged 19, was found strangled with a pair of rights when her father went to wake her.

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Farming incomes fall 43%

Despite a 29 per cent increase in farm support expenditure, farming incomes fell last year by an estimated 43 per cent (our Agriculture Correspondent writes). According to the Government's annual review of agriculture, incomes were in real terms less than a third of the level reached in 1973, the year Britain entered the EEC.

Ministry officials attributed the drop largely to the bad weather, but Sir Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union, said that incomes were at their lowest since the war and that the underlying downward trend could not be ignored.

Sir Richard warned the Government that the collapse in incomes could have dire consequences for the rural economy.

Continued financial pressure on farming could do to the countryside what the industrial recession had done to the inner cities, he added.

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DELHI: Mr Haider Abu Bakr al-Attas, the Prime Minister of South Yemen, cancelled a scheduled trip to China and stayed in India awaiting instructions from his Government, his aide said (Reuter reports).

Ban for women cricketers in South Africa

By Richard Streeton All women cricketers wishing to be considered for selection by England will have to sign a declaration in future that they will not play or coach in South Africa. This new anti-apartheid measure announced yesterday by the Women's Cricket Association (WCA) is as drastic a stipulation as any amateur sports body had ever imposed on its members in this country.

It follows strong condemnation at the WCA's recent annual meeting of the recent visit to South Africa by a 12-strong women's team calling themselves Unicorns, whose players have been banned from

playing for England this year. Though the Unicorns are not affiliated to the WCA, who remain unaware who was in the touring party, Association members were conscious of the repercussions this private tour could have on representative English women's cricket.

"We have the Indian women's team here for an international tour next summer and the Australian women for a Jubilee visit in 1987 and these visits would have been in jeopardy if we did not act", said the WCA chairman, Cathy Mowat. "We are also in the throes of seeking our annual grant aid from the Sports Council who have already made critical noises since the

Unicorns visit became known". The WCA received £23,000 this year from the Sports Council and this sum provides the backbone to their finances.

Miss Mowat said the only Unicorns whose identity they knew was the manager, Mrs Pamela Groves, a West Midlands county player. "We are not bothered who the players were, and see no necessity to try to find out," Miss Mowat said.

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Electricians reject TUC advice on agreement for new printing plant

By Donald Macintyre and Barrie Clement
National officials of the Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union are to take part in talks with News International aimed at securing an agreement covering the company's new printing plant in east London.

In a decision which was welcomed by the company last night, the electricians' union executive agreed to pursue its own talks at national level with management in spite of formal advice from the TUC general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, that the five print unions should make a joint approach to the company.

The executive yesterday strongly criticized that advice as a "massive extension" of the TUC's and Mr Willis's own authority into local negotiations. But Mr Eric Hammond, the union's general secretary, was careful to make it clear he did not regard the decision to negotiate as being in defiance of the advice. A union ignoring official TUC advice could face suspension or expulsion from the TUC.

The decision by electricians' leaders formally commits the union only to continuing negotiations at national level and provides that the executive will consider the outcome "in the light of the advice from Mr Willis". Mr Hammond said that the union would not enter any agreement without first informing the TUC general secretary.

The carefully worded statement from the EETPU executive emphasizes that correspondence from Mr Willis had made it clear that separate negotiations were not precluded by the TUC. It made no formal comment either way on whether the electricians would make a deal if the talks were successful and the TUC advice was sustained.

Mr Tom Rice, national officer of the EETPU covering the print industry, will now press News International to incorporate in its proposals elements included in other deals recently concluded by the

People 'not to print in London'

The British Newspaper Printing Corporation last night warned staff at Mirror Group Newspapers that the company could no longer print the *Sunday People* in London after last weekend's industrial action by members of Sogat 82. A bulletin, signed by Mr Alan Rowe, the corporation's managing director, which was sent around the Mirror headquarters in London yesterday, referred to the "anarchical" actions of the Sogat *Sunday People* machine room chapel. The industrial action, which led to the loss of 1.5 million copies of the newspaper, was taken in support of clerical members of the union who had been on strike in a dispute about the introduction of new terms designed to reduce overtime.

EETPU, including single status for the whole workforce, increased employee involvement and equal opportunity clauses. The EETPU said there seemed to be a desire to "have a go" at the union since the turnaround in the TUC policy on state funding for ballots ensured that it would not be expelled on the issue. It said that the "overwhelming decision" by EETPU members to support the acceptance of state money was "far more about our independence as a union".

The union said that attacks on the union in the *London Sogat Post*, a newspaper issued by the print union's London district, made it "very difficult" to respond positively to Mr Willis. It added that EETPU members could not be made to conform to decisions of other unions, even with the backing of Mr Willis's advice.

Mr Hammond referred to the strike ballots at present under way among Sogat and NGA members at News International publications, and complained "that those unions which are asking us to join them in a joint approach are girding their loins for a strike. I can't think that is



Miss Valerie Ball, the puppeteer at Hamleys toy shop in Regent Street, displays a collection of Pelham Puppets, whose future is in doubt after the firm went into voluntary liquidation (Paul Valley writes). In the Fifties and Sixties no toy cupboard was complete without a representative from the Pelham collection made in Marlborough, Wiltshire, but in recent years turnover has fallen from £1 million to £300,000. A workforce of 150 which produced the famous range of characters from Andy Pandy and Pinocchio to the old Punch and Judy stalwarts has dwindled to 17.

Town hall may be sold to beat rate cap

Two London councils said yesterday they might sell property to beat the Government's rate-capping squeeze. Mr Ted Knight, Labour leader of Lambeth council, said yesterday: "We might try to sell the Town Hall and lease it back again."

The council would not say who the prospective buyer was. It collects £10,000 a year in ground rent on the centre from Lancaster Holdings. Other rate-capped councils are expected to explore asset sales as soon as they know how much spending power the Government will give them this year. The latest estimates for Lambeth and Lewisham suggest that the spending ceiling allowed under rate-capping law will be between 10 per cent and 20 per cent less than they believe they need to spend. Asset sales are an alternative to last year's defence which landed 32 Lambeth councillors and 49 from Liverpool in the High Court yesterday. They started their challenges yesterday to the verdicts of district auditors that they should be surcharged for losses to ratepayers incurred through "wilful misconduct".

Ulster polls 'will not halt accord'

Ulster leaders were warned by Mr Tom King yesterday that the results of next week's 15 by-elections would not halt the implementation of the Anglo-Irish agreement. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland added that during their campaigns they should outline their proposals for the future of the province after polling day.

Poll gives Labour 5% lead

An opinion poll published yesterday shows Labour has moved five points ahead of the Conservatives in the past month. Mrs Margaret Thatcher's popularity as a leader has also fallen. According to the survey by Market and Opinion Research International (MORI) for *The London Standard*, 38 per cent of those polled said they would vote Labour if there was a general election tomorrow, 33 per cent would vote Conservative and 28 per cent for the Social Democratic Party/Liberal Alliance.

'Fruitful' start to school peace talks

Peace talks in the teachers' pay dispute were adjourned last night by the conciliation service, Acas, after seven and a half hours. They will resume this morning.

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said the talks had been fruitful but the teachers were still seeking a better offer. The last informal offer from the local authority employers was 6.9 per cent, staged so that teachers receive 7.5 per cent by the end of March. Yesterday's talks were slow-moving because Acas is having to deal with three parties: the employers, the teachers' panel and the National Union of Teachers, which is refusing to sit with the other unions.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Governors and Managers, which represents some 3,000 schools and school governors, called for a truce in the 11-month dispute. "We urge the parties to stop using pupils and parents as pawns in their own power struggle and to declare a truce until an inquiry can produce an acceptable end to this damaging conflict", it said. It emerged yesterday that members of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations are split about the decision of their executive to urge the teachers to go back to work. The Cheshire federation has dissociated itself from the decision. Other associations are thought to be sitting at not having been consulted.

Duke wants new attitude to industry

The Duke of Edinburgh has called for a new attitude towards industry, including a reappraisal of taxation and legislation which he believes is "preventing things happening". As patron of Industry Year 1986, the event organized by the Royal Society for the encouragement of arts, manufacture and commerce, the Duke says in an interview with the magazine *Chief Executive* that Britain suffers from an "anti-industry" prejudice created by "academics and intellectuals" and has exported employment through buying foreign-made goods.

Speaking to the magazine's editor, Mr George Bickerstaffe, the Duke says: "Industry has not got a very good popular image. "We're also suffering to an extent from an unintentional fall-out of Marxism, which blames all the world's ills on capitalism", he adds. "Capitalism is represented by industry, so industry is seen as being anti-social."

Tories draw breath as new storm brews

The most surprising feature of Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons yesterday was that it provided an occasion of relative calm between two storms. After the trammis of the night before it might have been Mrs Thatcher's turn to be hounded over the conduct of Mr Leon Brittan in advance of today's full-scale debate on Westland, Mr Neil Kinnock might have taken the opportunity to practise the range of his artillery.

Brittan follows Jenkin's path

The public misery of Mr Leon Brittan at the dispatch box on Monday recalled nothing so much as the equally public but far more extended misery of his former colleague, Mr Patrick Jenkin, last year as he guided the Government's hastily-drafted and unpopular Bills to clip the financial wings of local Government and abolish the GLC to the statute-book. Loyal, industrious, pedestrian barristers, both men faced the glee of their opponents with a kind of woeful gallantry, like Woodhouseian chivalry under interrogation by Sir Roderick Glossop, resigned to making any personal sacrifice to protect the honour of a lady.

Law reform proposals welcomed

The office of Fair Trading yesterday welcomed the radical draft proposals to end restrictive practices between the two branches of the legal profession and introduce common training and education. A spokesman said: "Anything that removes restrictions in the organization of the professions would be welcome and, indeed, ever since the OFT was set up, there have been attempts to remove such restrictions in the operation of the professions generally."

Fears that fewer will benefit from legal aid

The Government's inquiry into the legal aid scheme may lead to reductions or cash-limits so that fewer people are entitled to benefit, lawyers said yesterday. The Law Society, which runs the scheme, said: "We have grave reservations about this inquiry and believe it can only be regarded as a precursor for cuts, which would mean people caught up in the legal system would not get the aid, or representation, they need."

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Cash cuts halt atom study

Crucial research at Imperial College, London, into atomic physics, in which Britain has led the world for more than 75 years, has been abandoned because of government cuts in science spending.

The college was unable to get a £130,000 grant for the project from the Science and Engineering Research Council. The work is now to be taken up by a German research laboratory and the scientist who first proposed the study, Professor Jean-Pierre Connerade, professor of atomic and molecular physics at Imperial College, has been invited to collaborate.

The case is another example of missed opportunity in a list being compiled by the Save British Science campaign. The investigation is at the frontiers of pure research, but the branch of atomic physics in question has provided the basis for important advances in key technologies, such as micro-electronics and lasers.

The experiment, which involves passing new type of laser beam through a cloud of atoms, was identified recently by an international meeting of scientists as a study of vital importance. The grant was needed for special equipment, the most expensive of which was a new "super-magnet", to have been made by Oxford Instruments.

Ford workers vote for action on pay

Ford workers have voted overwhelmingly to support industrial action and reject a two-year pay offer which is linked to a wide-ranging package of changes in working practices, union leaders said last night.

Voting by members of the Transport and General Workers' Union in favour of action was said to be in excess of 3-1, and after indications that there had been a similar vote by engineering workers, the executive of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers gave official backing to their members. But strike action is not imminent because, after a meeting of the Ford unions of Friday, there is likely to be a further approach to the company to seek improvements in the offer which comprises basic

raises of 3 per cent or 5 per cent this year and 6 per cent next November. The company said last night that it would not comment until it had been informed officially of the ballot vote among the 37,000 hourly paid workforce. Ford has emphasized that the offer is "final" it is unlikely that the company would reject an approach for further talks.

The offer gives a 3 per cent rise to most workers this year with an extra 2 per cent available to 10,000 lineworkers; next November's 6 per cent would be paid to all workers. A further 4 per cent has been offered this year if the unions will agree to fundamental changes in working practices, the removal of demarcation lines and flexibility of labour.

Duke wants new attitude to industry

The Duke of Edinburgh has called for a new attitude towards industry, including a reappraisal of taxation and legislation which he believes is "preventing things happening". As patron of Industry Year 1986, the event organized by the Royal Society for the encouragement of arts, manufacture and commerce, the Duke says in an interview with the magazine *Chief Executive* that Britain suffers from an "anti-industry" prejudice created by "academics and intellectuals" and has exported employment through buying foreign-made goods.

Speaking to the magazine's editor, Mr George Bickerstaffe, the Duke says: "Industry has not got a very good popular image. "We're also suffering to an extent from an unintentional fall-out of Marxism, which blames all the world's ills on capitalism", he adds. "Capitalism is represented by industry, so industry is seen as being anti-social."

The Duke says he supports the remarks made last week by the Prince of Wales that Britain could become a "fourth-rate" nation unless industrial attitudes changed. "Somehow professional employment is given a higher status than technical employment. But each is as necessary as the other." He describes such notions as "doty". Companies should involve themselves more in the life of local communities, recognizing their social responsibilities, he continues.

But he also believes that changes in legal and taxation structures are needed. "I don't believe we have lost the work ethic, but there is much less inducement, much less reward, in starting work than there used to be," he says. "The more you support people who don't work, the more difficult it becomes to persuade them to work. I'm not suggesting that one shouldn't do that; it's just one of those awful dilemmas we've got ourselves into."

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Tories draw breath as new storm brews

The most surprising feature of Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons yesterday was that it provided an occasion of relative calm between two storms. After the trammis of the night before it might have been Mrs Thatcher's turn to be hounded over the conduct of Mr Leon Brittan in advance of today's full-scale debate on Westland, Mr Neil Kinnock might have taken the opportunity to practise the range of his artillery.

But the exchanges were muted. The excitement was restrained. There were probably two reasons for this. The first was that not even the most spirited rider can continue to chase a fox that comes running obediently to the first cry. Mr Kinnock had clearly come primed to lambast the Prime Minister for keeping Sir Austin Pearce's letter a closely-guarded secret. But Mrs Thatcher readily volunteered that she was seeking Sir Austin's permission to publish it. All the

powerful rhetoric on the evils of official secrecy had to be kept for another day. The other reason for the relative calm was that everybody knew that a better opportunity for putting the Government on the spot would come in today's debate. Question Time is an occasion for political theatre rather than a political inquisition. Why waste ammunition on Tuesday that might be used to better effect on Wednesday?

For a storm to have blown up, something would have had to happen to take the House unawares. The nearest to that came when Mr John Whitfield, the Conservative member for Dewsbury, referred in Mr Heseltine as "the right honourable prima donna, the member for Henley".

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Substantial damages for boy who became deaf after use of drug spray

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A "bright and intelligent" schoolboy who is completely deaf after being treated with an antibiotic drug spray as an infant, was awarded substantial undisclosed damages by a High Court judge yesterday.

The boy, Daniel Taylor, now aged 10, has suffered nine years of silence since receiving the drug, which was known to carry a risk of deafness. The spray, containing the drug neomycin, was administered to him in hospital when he was aged 11 months, after he had been involved in a scalding accident at home.

Mr Fiers Ashworth, QC, for the boy, told Mr Justice Drake at the High Court in London that it was well known that the drug was linked to a risk of deafness in 1970. By the time of the hospital incident in January 1976, "it must have been absolutely clear to everyone."

Five days after being treated with the spray at the Lister Hospital in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, the child was "totally deaf", Mr Ashworth said.

Although the makers of the spray, Avlex Ltd, a subsidiary of ICL, and the North Hertfordshire Health Authority, which was responsible for the hospital, had agreed to pay the boy damages they still denied liability for the boy's deafness, he said.

The condition must have been caused by something, he said, "and in my view there is no doubt whatsoever that someone is liable for this".

Yesterday's case is the second

in four months in which substantial damages have been paid in the High Court over the use of the drug. Last October Nicholas Jeary, aged 15, was awarded damages from a health authority, although his action against the makers was discontinued.

Mr Justice Drake said yesterday that he was satisfied the award to the boy was adequate for his special needs. He ordered that £12,000 be paid immediately to Mrs Ann Taylor, the boy's mother, to help with the financial burden of caring for him.

Last night his father, Mr Peter Taylor, aged 37, a carpenter, of Campers Avenue,

Letchworth, Hertfordshire, said: "We are pleased and relieved that the case is over. I have taken five years to win this award."

"It seems a reasonable settlement, but it is difficult to put a price on the pain and suffering and the loss of hearing that Daniel has experienced."

"We don't feel bitter about what happened. Nobody went out to make a mistake. We all make mistakes, but unfortunately this one changed Daniel's life."

Daniel has been a residential pupil at the Heathlands School for the Deaf in St Albans, Hertfordshire since he was aged three. He has had to learn to communicate by sign language because his deafness has restricted his speech to that of a four-year-old, the court was told. He is "bright and intelligent" with an IQ of 112, but his speech problems have left him backward at school, Mr Ashworth said.

Mr Taylor said: "He is trying to be a normal boy despite his handicap. We hope the award will mean that he will be well provided for later in life, because he will be limited in what he can choose to do for a living."

His son uses special computers and video units at school and at home to help him communicate and there is some prospect that his speech may improve as he grows older, Mr Taylor said.



Daniel Taylor, who is now deaf



Ustinov's European video

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

Peter Ustinov, actor, author, polyglot and raconteur, yesterday threw his considerable weight behind an attempt to give the European Parliament more positive image in the EEC, not least in Britain.

Mr Ustinov, who is making a publicity video film on behalf of the parliament's public relations department, moved among MEPs, aides and ushers at the plush modern Parliament building, fondly mimicking the babble of EEC languages from Spanish to French and entertaining listeners in the Parliament restaurant with a rendering of *Peter and the Wolf* in Danish.

"All very different from when



Peter Ustinov, above, 30 years ago, with the late M Guy Mollet, a fervent European, and (top) in Strasbourg

I was here 30 years ago," Mr Ustinov murmured, gazing at acres of carpet and plateglass. "The Parliament was in Nissen huts then."

Mr Ustinov made a BBC Radio programme about what was then called the European Assembly in the mid 1950s. Parliament is now directly elected, and Mr Ustinov is encouraged by the growth of the European ideal despite "obstacles and absurdities".

A passionate European, he is giving his services free for the film, in which he is guided by a disembodied female voice in a tape recorder-cum-mini-television set slung round his neck.

Is he distressed by anti-European feeling in Britain? "Certainly, it makes me feel badly integrated."

Private hospitals to manage some NHS pay beds

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Five London teaching hospitals have approached private hospital groups about the possibility of managing or running National Health Service pay beds. Guy's Hospital is expected to decide within eight weeks which private group will run its 64 pay beds in its private annex, Nuffield House.

Guy's is seen by the other hospitals as a test case. A new 119-bed private hospital, the London Bridge, opens next door to Guy's in April; the project has the backing of some Guy's consultants, and the health authority fears it will lose all its £800,000 profit from private patients if it does not fight back.

A joint venture with a private group, Guy's believes could tempt consultants to continue their private work on the Guy's site and in the long run boost the hospital's private patient income.

At present some NHS patients are treated in Nuffield House, but Mr Smith said yesterday that the hospital would want to ensure that the development fitted in with its overall plans for Guy's hospital and would want to protect the interests of staff employed at Nuffield House and elsewhere in Guy's.

One advantage Guy's has over the other teaching hospitals is that Nuffield House is a separate building, which could have a separate entrance and be run independently. Other teaching hospitals have only private wings or private floors.

Credit card fraud hit top people

Rich and famous people, including Mr Roland Klein, dress designer for the Princess of Wales, were impersonated by a gang which operated a credit card telephone fraud involving £80,000.

Other card holders cheated in the fraud were Sir John Vesty, whose family runs the Dewhurst butchers' chain, Lord Cockfield, vice-president of the EEC, Mr Marco Learner, the Marks and Spencer heir, and Lord Bearsted, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday.

Three men, Antonio Percudani, aged 34, of Cuffins Close, Northgate, Crawley, Sussex, John Voco, aged 36, of Norfolk Square, Paddington, North West London, Christopher Morris, aged 27, of Dunningford Close, Elm Park, Horsham, London, admitted obtaining goods by deception between May and November 1984.

Alan Gee, aged 33, of Dobree Close, Colwich, Staffordshire, admitted handling stolen property.

Percudani and Voco were jailed for two and a half years. Gee was jailed for six months, suspended for 18 months. Morris will be sentenced today.

Girl stabbed father to death

A girl aged 19 who stabbed her father to death, told the police: "It was either him or me". Chelmsford Crown Court was told yesterday.

Karen Tyler denied murdering George Tyler, aged 45, unemployed, at their home in Gurney Benham Close, Colchester, 16 months ago.

Mr Derek Spencer, QC, for the prosecution, said that George Tyler had drunk the equivalent of seven pints of beer.

Karen was one of nine children living on a council estate with Mr Tyler and his wife, Kathleen. Relationships had been strained since Mr Tyler killed his wife's two pet snakes in revenge for the death of a tarantula spider.

Relations reached a low point after a friend joked to Mr Tyler that his wife was having an affair.

On two occasions that night Mr Tyler punched and slapped his daughter. She stabbed him with a kitchen knife. He died 24 hours later in hospital.

The case continues today.

Death crash wife was over limit

The wife of Richard Linley, the National Hunt jockey, who was killed in a car crash while driving her husband, had a count above the limit.

An inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Fenton Rutter, coroner for south-east Somerset, said at the inquest in Wincanton, that Mrs Beverley Linley, aged 29, had 110 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, 30 above the limit.

Mrs Linley, of Colberry Farm, East Pennard, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, was driving with her husband at about 6 pm on November 28 from Gillingham in Dorset towards Cullington, where her husband had been racing earlier that day. Their vehicle was involved in a head-on crash with an articulated lorry.

Mrs Linley died from multiple injuries. Her husband, who was not at the inquest, was thrown clear, but suffered a broken leg and internal injuries. He was not told of his wife's death until some days later when recovering in Yeovil district hospital.

Recording a verdict of manslaughter, Mr Rutter said a main contributory factor to the accident was the lack of central white lines on a newly resurfaced bend in the road.

He said he did not think a road sign warning of the cessation of white lines had been placed sufficiently far away to give adequate notice to drivers.

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A Saudi Arabian prince "put up the money" for an international drug smuggling operation, a court was told yesterday.

Prince Mashour ben Saud Aziz, aged 31, the twenty-fourth son of the late King Saudi, is alleged to have helped finance the illegal importation of cocaine from Amsterdam to Britain. He is also accused of helping to sell the drug. The prince, of Cheval Place, South Kensington, west London, was appearing at Knightsbridge Crown Court with seven co-defendants. They face a total of 20 drugs charges.

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Train victim 'fought her attacker'

By Craig Seton

A social worker was murdered when she courageously fought back against a youth aged 15 who tried to rob her on a late-night train, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday. She was stabbed in the throat with such force that she was instantly paralysed and left like a "rag doll".

Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, for the prosecution, alleged that Jack Roy, now aged 16, of Shorebridge Road, Glasgow, then dragged the body of Mrs Janet Maddocks, aged 35, of Kings Heath, Birmingham, to the train door and threw her body on the track. The youth has denied her murder.

Mr Fennell said that in the attack on Mrs Maddocks, a social worker with Birmingham City Council, on a train from Euston to Birmingham last March, the youth had severed her spinal chord with a knife blow to her throat and then stabbed her a number more times.

He said Mrs Maddocks had been in London to see a consultant about an injury. She was alone in the carriage when the youth joined the train at Milton Keynes, produced a knife and demanded money. "With great courage she refused to hand over any money and the defendant proceeded to attack her."

Mr Fennell said that when the youth returned to his home in Glasgow in a bloodstained condition, he told a Mrs Henderson, a woman living with his father that he had been attacked by three Pakistanis. But, Mr Fennell said, Mrs Henderson then made a "strange and intuitive" remark, saying that he looked "as if he had committed a murder", as if he had been dragging a body.

When the youth was interviewed by police eight days later he admitted stabbing Mrs Maddocks in the neck, but said it had been an accident.

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By Craig Seton

A social worker was murdered when she courageously fought back against a youth aged 15 who tried to rob her on a late-night train, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday. She was stabbed in the throat with such force that she was instantly paralysed and left like a "rag doll".

Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, for the prosecution, alleged that Jack Roy, now aged 16, of Shorebridge Road, Glasgow, then dragged the body of Mrs Janet Maddocks, aged 35, of Kings Heath, Birmingham, to the train door and threw her body on the track. The youth has denied her murder.

Mr Fennell said that in the attack on Mrs Maddocks, a social worker with Birmingham City Council, on a train from Euston to Birmingham last March, the youth had severed her spinal chord with a knife blow to her throat and then stabbed her a number more times.

He said Mrs Maddocks had been in London to see a consultant about an injury. She was alone in the carriage when the youth joined the train at Milton Keynes, produced a knife and demanded money. "With great courage she refused to hand over any money and the defendant proceeded to attack her."

Mr Fennell said that when the youth returned to his home in Glasgow in a bloodstained condition, he told a Mrs Henderson, a woman living with his father that he had been attacked by three Pakistanis. But, Mr Fennell said, Mrs Henderson then made a "strange and intuitive" remark, saying that he looked "as if he had committed a murder", as if he had been dragging a body.

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The trial continues today.

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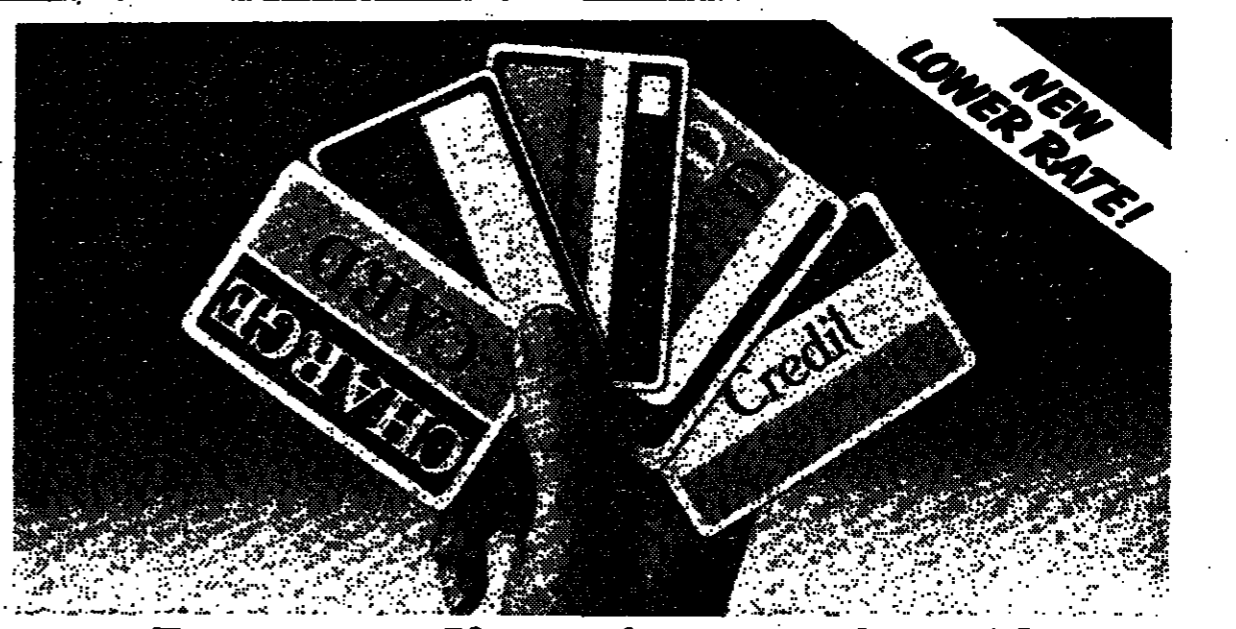
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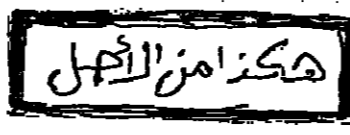
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Publication of BAE letter now 'a major issue'

WESTLAND

The letter which Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace, sent to Downing Street on Monday and about which Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, had to offer an apology to the Commons late on Monday night was at the centre of questions to Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister.

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Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab) launched straight into the controversy by calling on Mrs Thatcher to say why she remained silent about the letter from the chairman of British Aerospace while Mr Brittan misled the House the previous afternoon.

Mrs Thatcher: I do not accept that Mr Brittan misled this House. (Labour interruptions). He gave an explanation very carefully. From the answers given many times by me, it is not my practice to publish exchanges with third parties and nor if they are marked "strictly private and confidential" to reveal them.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: Will, Mrs Thatcher now publish the Westland documents of October 4 and 18 and since Sir Austin Pearce has given permission, will she also publish the letter from British Aerospace yesterday (Monday)?

Mrs Thatcher: My office has been in touch with Sir Austin Pearce. It will be my intention to consult him later today. I recognize the importance which this letter has and will be consulting him about publication.

Mr Allen McKay (Barnsley, west) and Penistone, Lab: In the reply to Mr Kinnock she said she was going to publish the letter. (Conservative interruptions) Will she give an assurance she will also make available to us the letters of October 4 and 18?

Mrs Thatcher: No, I cannot necessarily agree to the latter part of what he said. I made clear my office is in touch with Sir Austin Pearce. It is my intention to consult him later today about the possibility of publication of these letters. The reason being I recognize these letters have become a major issue and the House is likely to wish to see their publication in time for the debate tomorrow (Wednesday).

Mr Martin Flanagan (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab): If the Prime Minister has not been given permission to publish the contents of the letter from Sir Austin Pearce and British Aerospace, why does she need to have any further conversations with Sir Austin Pearce about something she is worrying about, and has got to hide?

Why does she not publish it, having been given permission, and

admit there is no need for any further discussion when all the House, even those people crowing further back, really want to know what is in that letter?

Mrs Thatcher: With respect I think I have probably answered this question several times.

I therefore indicated I have not yet replied to the letter. My office has been in touch with Sir Austin. It is my intention to consult Sir Austin later today about the possibility of publication. I know the House will wish to have it published by tomorrow and it is my intention to be in touch about it.

Mr John Whitfield (Dewsbury, C): Perhaps the most encouraging aspect in the otherwise sorry state of Westland Helicopters company is the fact that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry regard letters which are marked as private and confidential as being private and confidential.

Would she not agree with me that if the prima donna Mr Heseltine - (loud laughter) - had understood the meaning of the words "private and confidential" his political career would not be in the ruins it is in today? (Renewed laughter).

Mrs Thatcher: I have made clear my past practice will continue to be my future practice, because I believe it is the correct one.

Sir Kenneth Lewis (Stamford and Spalding, C): Will she be replying to the letter she has received from British Aerospace? Can she promise, short of just a simple acknowledgment,

ment, that she will reply in public and not have it marked "Private and confidential"?

Mrs Thatcher: That is one of the reasons I am consulting before the reply goes.

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ROSKILL REPORT

Trade and Industry by nearly 200 new staff over the next two years, and the addition to the Director of Public Prosecutions's department of nine extra lawyers with support staff.

We shall be seeking to draw in more people with the necessary skill and experience from the private sector on short-service appointments. In addition, the self-regulatory agencies to be set up under the Financial Services Bill will have their own resources for the investigation of financial crime.

The Lord Chancellor and I will be in touch with the Law Commission about their work on conspiracy to defraud. I shall seek the advice of the Criminal Law Revision Committee on the early legislation to deal with the current problem of the limitations on the use of a charge of conspiracy to defraud to which the Roskill Committee drew attention.

The committee makes a number of recommendations on the law, including provision for certain complex fraud cases to be tried by a tribunal comprising a judge and two lay members, and for the abolition of peremptory challenges. We shall be consulting urgently about these important matters, and we shall listen with interest to the views which will be expressed in this House, the House of Lords, and in general public comment.

The committee's general approach on preparation for trial, the law of evidence and other matters would lead to significant improvements in the trial of fraud cases. The feasibility of certain aspects of these proposals will require further study and we shall need to give more thought to the details. Some of the recommendations may well be applicable in other areas of the criminal law besides fraud.

We have in this report an excellent basis for substantial and administrative action. The report will be immensely helpful in shaping the Government's continuing fight against the insidious menace of fraud. I am most grateful to Lord Roskill and his colleagues. It is now for us and Parliament as a whole to do our part in carrying forward the work they have begun.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said they would like to hear more about the details of the report. He said the Government would be expected to take steps to improve the way in which fraud is dealt with in the courts.

It was impossible to define the scope of the fraud cases which would be covered by the Bill, but it was hoped that the Government would be able to deal with the most serious cases.

by jury would be quite intolerable and unacceptable.

Mr Hunt: I do not think any action which followed this aspect of the report should be regarded as being capable of further extension.

Mr Alexander Carlile (Montgomery, T): While I welcome many parts of the Roskill report, would he not agree that juries have shown themselves peculiarly effective in trying cases of fraud? They do convict in 86.8 per cent of the fraud cases brought before the crown court and this is a higher percentage of conviction than in other classes of case.

Mr Hunt: I note his view. I think it is important, before we all concentrate on this particular recommendation, to understand that it is flanked by a whole series of other radical suggestions, for example on changes in the law of evidence.

Sir Peter Tapsell (Lindsay East, C): Is there not a danger, as the Attorney General (Sir Michael Havers) about certain specific cases seem to indicate, that however much we may tighten the law about fraud committed domestically within the UK, some of the worst offenders will continue to escape because of the great inadequacy of extradition procedures?

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DEFENCE

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Mr Lamont said during questions that the Nimrod Maritime Reconnaissance (MR) programme would be completed this year. The completion date for the Nimrod Airborne Early Warning Mark 3 programme would depend on the outcome of the current negotiations with GEC Aviation Ltd and on consequent decisions to be taken by the Government.

Mr Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C): In view of the disgraceful history and the length of time this programme has taken to complete, what sanctions does Mr Lamont have in mind if the contractors fail to meet the date this time?

Mr Lamont: I do not think it would be right for me to discuss that at this time. We are in the middle of negotiations with GEC. We wish to get a fixed price contract for completion of the project to an acceptable operating standard and also within the budget.

We entirely agree with Mr Soames that the progress of this project has been profoundly unsatisfactory.

Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selby, Lab): I am disappointed to see that the Government is not giving the shareholders and the country the best value for the hundreds of millions of pounds of the Nimrod contracts cost without the airplane flying successfully.

The time has come for Mr Lamont to concentrate on giving taxpayers value for what they have paid.

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Opposition welcome for Younger

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Mr Dennis Davis, chief Opposition spokesman on defence and armaments, pointed out that Mr Younger was the fourth incumbent in the job in five and a half years and commented, amid laughter: With that kind of attrition rate I hope he has got his own answers with the Cabinet office.

He asked if the new Secretary of State would be expressing the collective view of the Government or his own and how view.

Mr Younger replied that in his last job as Secretary of State for Scotland he was the only incumbent for six and a half years. He added: In the answer I give will be Government policy generally.

Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, told the Commons at question time that later this month he and Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, are to meet Senator Evans, the Australian Minister of Exports and Natural Resources, to discuss the findings of the Australian royal commission that investigated United Kingdom nuclear tests.

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In addition, he said the new scheme for third-year regular reservists to attend one week refresher training courses would be introduced.

The expansion of the Territorial Army to 66,000 by 1990 was well on target. The TA strength was currently 74,000 compared with only 59,000 in 1979.

Security tight for bomb trial

Armed police surrounded Manchester Crown Court yesterday as the trial was due to start of a woman consultant psychiatrist and two men on bomb conspiracy charges. Police also chartered a helicopter which hovered above the courthouse as the heavily escorted vans carrying the accused arrived.

Everyone entering the building, including the judge and the scores of police officers, was searched.

The accused are all charged with maliciously conspiring to cause an explosion in the United Kingdom of a nature likely to endanger life or cause serious injury to property. They are: Dr Maire O'Shea, aged 66, of Solihull Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham; Patrick Brazil, aged 34, an able seaman of Belcamp Avenue, Dublin; and William Grimes, aged 43, unemployed, of Cherryfield Road, Dublin.

Mr Justice Mann, the trial judge, heard legal arguments for five hours before adjourning the hearing until today. The jury was not called into court.

Thatcher not to meet Gartcosh marchers

There were shouts of "shame" from Labour MPs when Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, rejected a request made at question time to meet the men marching from the Gartcosh steel mill in London.

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Commons (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on Westland Helicopters. Lords (2.30): Helicopters on codes of practice affecting the incidence of legislation and on the importance of full employment.

Neill to head inquiry into Lloyd's

The primary purpose of the Bill was to establish a framework of regulation which would provide effective protection for investors while also promoting an effective and competitive financial services industry in the UK.

The present rules governing conduct in the City were based on legislation passed more than 40 years ago and were inadequate. The Bill would bring the law up to date, extend its coverage and establish a new and flexible system of regulation.

No system of regulation could or should be imposed on the City of London as to its own affairs, but it was legitimate for an investor to expect those who did business with or for him were fit and proper persons and that they were subject to rules which protected his interests. The Bill was designed to meet that expectation.

Salmon poaching on a large scale

Scotland of being in possession of salmon illegally taken, killed or landed and of having such fish in England and Wales, the Bill should have a significant effect on the level of poaching, he said.

Despite high seas fishing and large scale poaching, salmon stocks had survived surprisingly well, but the Government had decided the time had come to tackle the problem. While not as comprehensive as some might have wished, it should improve the current situation. The new offence of being in possession or handling illegally taken salmon would carry a sentence on summary conviction of up to three months and/or a fine, and on conviction on indictment to imprisonment up to two years and/or a fine.

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Salmon poaching was no longer simply a "one for the pot activity", it was carried out on a large and organised scale, he said. The market for the fish taken, Lord Gray of Contin, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, said in the House of Lords yesterday during a second reading of the Salmon Bill.

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Weather and poor yields cut farm incomes by nearly half

Farm incomes fell by an estimated 43 per cent last year, after an increase of 35 per cent in 1984, according to the Government's annual review of agriculture, published yesterday.

"Income" is defined as the return to farms for labour, management and capital invested, after paying wages, rents and interest charges. It is notoriously volatile, being heavily dependent upon the weather, yields and market prices.

Scotland, Northern Ireland and the upland areas of Wales and northern England were particularly badly affected by unusually heavy rainfall, with few dry days and sunshine, and temperatures significantly below normal, the report said.

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Security tight for bomb trial

Armed police surrounded Manchester Crown Court yesterday as the trial was due to start of a woman consultant psychiatrist and two men on bomb conspiracy charges. Police also chartered a helicopter which hovered above the courthouse as the heavily escorted vans carrying the accused arrived.

Everyone entering the building, including the judge and the scores of police officers, was searched.

Thatcher's snub for steelmen

Marchers who yesterday ended their walk from Scotland to London to seek a reprieve for the Gartcosh steel plant were angered when Mrs Thatcher refused to see them, although they had put in a request for a meeting a week ago.

Instead, they were offered a meeting with Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State in the Department of Trade and Industry.

At a press conference late in the House of Commons, attended by senior opposition parties, the marchers said that in view of the Prime Minister's refusal further action would have to be considered.

Mr Thomas Brennan, convenor of the joint shop stewards committee at the Ravenscroft steel plant, who acted as spokesman, said: "There are now two options. One option would be to ask every Scottish MP to resign his seat in Parliament and fight a general election."

But he said they would consider the other option, an approach to the Queen to ask her to intervene with the Prime Minister.

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From East to West

Gromyko hears shoppers' complaints on Moscow tour

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the elder statesman of the Kremlin and a strong backer of Mr Gorbachov, was told about unsuitable packaging for many foodstuffs, such as macaroni, flour, sugar and oatmeal (normally sold in uninspiring brown paper bags), and the wide range of so-called "deficit goods", those not available in any shape or form for no easily discernible reason.

Mr Gromyko responded that improvement of quality lay at the heart of the Government's concern for the well-being of the people. He noted that this point had been made already by Mr Gorbachov.

Earlier, at Hospital Number 52 in Moscow's Voroshilovskiy district, the President received another list of complaints. He was told that two wings had been closed "for several years" because those responsible could not be bothered to carry out repairs and that even in summer the monotonous diet served to patients contained virtually no fruit or vegetables.

Although complaints about shoddy Soviet goods, shortages and inefficient services are commonplace in the letter columns of the press, it is rare that such an embarrassing list of shortcomings is given such prominence or to be voiced personally to such a high-ranking member of the Kremlin hierarchy.

Among recent problems highlighted in the press have been the waiting period of 12 years in some areas for a telephone, the need to repair a third of all television sets after delivery, and a shortage of trousers with zips. In a six-month period in 1984, before Mr Gorbachov took power, six million pairs of new shoes and 250,000 overcoats had to be returned as defective.

Denmark in crisis over EEC future

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Denmark faces a political crisis over its acceptance or otherwise of the controversial Luxembourg reforms of the EEC.

There are rumours of a possible premature election if the Folketing (Parliament) votes against the package in a key debate due on January 21.

The possibility that Denmark might block EEC reforms agreed by heads of government in December loomed large yesterday when Mr Ivar Noergaard, a former Economy Minister who is now EEC spokesman for the opposition Social Democrats, the country's biggest political party, said he did not believe his party could agree to the package.

The ruling centre-right minority coalition of Mr Poul Schluter, the Prime Minister, supports the Luxembourg reforms, but has said that it needs the backing of a broad parliamentary majority, notably the Social Democrats.

● STRASBOURG: A prominent member of the new Portuguese delegation to the European Parliament has resigned his seat after being passed over for a leadership post in his own political group (AP reports).

Senhor Francisco Pinto Balsemão, the former Portuguese Prime Minister and founder of the Social Democrat Party, lost the leadership struggle to Senhor Rui Almeida Mendes.

Tamil attack ends festival ceasefire

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

While some 400,000 Tamil tea estate workers took part in a prayer campaign organized by the Ceylon Workers' Congress trade union, a soldier was killed yesterday and three others were injured in an attack on an army camp.

The Ministry of Defence said that guerrillas using mortars, grenades and automatic weapons took part in the attack on the Jaffna Fort camp in northern Sri Lanka.

It marked the first outbreak of violence since Tamil separatist guerrillas said last week they would not agree to a ceasefire offered by the security forces.

Government troops repulsed the attack, which coincided with the Tamil harvest festival, Thaipugali, but the Defence Ministry said civilians may have been hurt in the crossfire. It claimed several guerrillas were killed and injured.

The General Officer Commanding Joint Operations has urged Jaffna's population not to become involved with guerrilla activities and to "stay away from the terrorists".

Security forces were engaged in a search-and-destroy mission to restore law and order in the Jaffna peninsula, he said, and he appealed to people not to harbour guerrillas and give them support or live near guerrilla hide-outs.

Japan-Soviet relations hinge on islands claim

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan is hoping to create a new atmosphere in its difficult relationship with the Soviet Union during the first visit of a Soviet foreign minister for 10 years.

When Mr Eduard Shevardnadze arrives today he and his Japanese counterpart, Mr Shintaro Abe, will open the most serious and far-reaching analysis of Japan-Soviet relations since the early 1970s. Eight hours of discussions are already arranged, and there is room for more.

But the two sides have differing aims. Even within Japanese domestic politics there are differences in emphasis between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office.

The Soviet Union has been hinting for months that it is prepared to treat Japan as a country of significance and more than merely a forward base for the US military. That is part of Moscow's new approach to the Pacific region.

Under Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, Moscow appears ready to reverse the neglect of the Brezhnev years which allowed the Pacific to become an "American lake". But also important is access to Japanese technology to modernize its economy, especially in car manufacturing and electronics.

Looming over all for the Japanese are the four northern islands which the Soviet Union occupied at the end of the War. Japan conceded the Kurile Islands, but Moscow continues to occupy Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan and the Habomai islands, which Japan claims are not part of the Kuriles.

In a memorable confrontation between Mr Brezhnev and the former Prime Minister, Mr Kakuzi Tanaka, in 1973 the Soviet Union confirmed that territory was an outstanding issue.

The Gorbachov administration has maintained that there is no territorial dispute, but there have been hints that Habomai and Shikotan might be negotiable.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry says that the return of only two of the four islands would be unacceptable. But other parts of the Japanese administration believe that there is room for negotiation within the full range of Japan-Soviet relations.



Rockefeller visit sparks Argentine street riots

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

A left-wing demonstration against the US banker, Mr David Rockefeller, erupted into the first serious street violence here since Argentina returned to civilian rule two years ago.

More than a dozen people were injured, one seriously, in several brief incidents between youths hurling bottles and stones and riot police who used teargas, water canon and rubber bullets to disperse demonstrators.

The disturbances began when police blocked about 2,500 youths from approaching the American Club in central Buenos Aires on Monday evening, where a reception was being held for Mr Rockefeller on the third day of a visit to Argentina sponsored by the Americas Society, a US-based businessmen's group.

What had been a loud but peaceful demonstration exploded into violence when an unidentified demonstrator set off an incendiary bomb under a parked car.

It was the first time President Alfonsín took office in December, 1983, that police have had to break up a demonstration in this way and photographs of burning cars were displayed across the front pages of yesterday's newspapers. One youth was reported to be in a serious condition in hospital after being hit in the chest by a



A protester spreadeagled against a Buenos Aires bank window after being detained by police during the demonstration against Mr Rockefeller's visit.

teargas grenade.

Ironically, at the same time that Mr Rockefeller's reception was touching off a riot, Senator Edward Kennedy was being applauded warmly by almost a thousand Argentines during a speech he gave seven blocks away. Senator Kennedy concludes a two-day visit to Argentina today.

● SANTIAGO: Senator Kennedy arrives in Chile today for a one-day visit to the capital (our Correspondent writes). The visit has stirred controversy since it was announced at the beginning of last week.

In the past 10 days Mr Kennedy has visited Brazil and Argentina, both of which have returned to democratic government after lengthy periods of military rule. Chile's military regime has refused so far to yield to widespread pressure for a return to democracy.

While in Santiago, Mr Kennedy plans to meet representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, human rights organizations and some of the opposition political parties that signed Chile's "national accord for democracy".

The National Union, a political group which supports Chile's 12-year-old military regime, has declared Mr Kennedy persona non grata.

Silver lining appears for Socialists in French poll battle

From Diana Geddes, Paris

As the campaign for the critical parliamentary elections on March 16 begins in France, the first fragile signs are appearing that all may not be lost for the Socialists.

While there is no chance of the Socialists winning the elections by getting more than 50 per cent of the vote - even in their greatest hour in 1981 they obtained only 37 per cent - there is just a possibility that the two main opposition parties may yet lose the elections, in so far as they might not get the absolute majority they need to form a government without the support of the extreme-right National Front.

Having hovered around the 20 to 25 per cent mark in the expressed voting intentions of the electorate for the past couple of years, the Socialists are beginning to creep up in the polls. The latest three polls agree in giving them 26 to 27 per cent of voting intentions, their highest score for nearly two years, and they are getting more "good opinions" than any other single party.

The Socialists' aim of picking up enough votes from the left and the right to break through the 30 per cent barrier and remain the single largest party in France no longer looks impossible.

With the new system of proportional representation a vote of anything less than 50 per cent will not win a majority in Parliament. But a minority Socialist government, in loose alliance with other individuals or groups, is no longer a ridiculous dream.

A number of factors appear to be working for the Socialists. The economy is looking up. Inflation last year was brought down to 4.7 per cent, the lowest for 17 years.

The rise in unemployment was not only stopped last year but reversed slightly. After two years of falling standards of living, real incomes are rising again. Industrial investment is picking up and the Paris Bourse (stock exchange) is booming.

The government's overall policies during the past five years are viewed with disfavour by the electorate. But most of its individual main reforms are approved by most voters.

President Mitterrand's repeated public interventions on television, radio and on the ground have begun to pay off. In at least one poll, his popularity rating is at its highest level for more than two years.

Another advantage for the Socialists is the overt rivalry between the three main leaders of the Opposition - M Jacques Chirac, M Raymond Barre and M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, and their continuing disagreements on what should happen if the right had the clear majority it is seeking in March.

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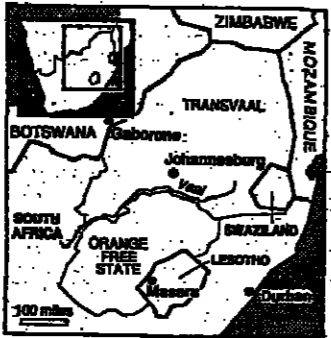
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South Africa tightens squeeze

Lesotho asks for British and US airlift to break Pretoria blockade

Maseru (AFP) - Lesotho yesterday said it was appealing to the United States and Britain to help break South Africa's border blockade by airlifting essential commodities into the landlocked country.



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pressure Lesotho into signing a security pact forbidding activities of the African National Congress in Lesotho.

JOHANNESBURG: Lesotho's appeal came as South Africa yesterday appeared to be tightening its blockade.

Black rivalry boosts death toll

The death toll in political violence in South Africa totalled 1,028 between September 1984, and the end of last year, according to figures issued yesterday by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

million strong Inkatha Movement led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of the KwaZulu Bantustan, and on the other the outlawed African National Congress, which Chief Buthelezi says has declared war on his Zulu movement.

Inkatha youths were responsible for the killing of the Reverend Simeon Nkomo, Anglican suffragan Bishop of Johannesburg, who is a close associate of Bishop Desmond Tutu.

People's power Gadaffi can rely on

The mahaven man in the grey and white kaffiyeh head-dress was shouting about suicide squads. "Have they yet been formed?" he bellowed. "They must be made ready. Our people should register for training."

"All the Arabs must withdraw their accounts from American banks," he wheezed in a shrill voice. "The American economy will collapse if the Arabs take their money away."

According to the colonel, he has "made the happy discovery of the way to direct democracy". He has indeed. For the author of the Green Book - and here lies the beauty of the system for those aspiring to leadership under the Third Universal Theory - also has the power to draw up the agenda which the Popular Congresses are to discuss and to make his own recommendations upon it.

British hostages in January last year, for example, the colonel could rely upon his people to produce the required advice - which was to hold the hostages for a little longer.

minority and their democratic right to be "taken into account". Occasionally, of course, such a device is not available, even to the very creator of direct democracy.

Howe plea for clear Arab line on peace

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday said it was very important for moderate Arabs to reach a coherent negotiating position making it much more difficult for Israel to refuse to join talks.



Yim Chong Chul, aged 33, a North Korean Army NCO who walked to freedom across the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone 10 days ago, leaving behind his parents and five siblings, saluting an audience in Seoul, the South Korean capital, yesterday.

Zimbabwe murderer sentenced to death

Bulawayo (Reuters) - A self-confessed Zimbabwean rebel who killed a white senator, his daughter, a family friend and a black policeman in the southern Matabeleland province has been sentenced to death.

Marcos hints Ver will go

Naga City, Philippines (AP) - President Marcos, addressing a rally here said General Fabian Ver, Chief of the armed forces, would retire before the February 7 election and that Lieutenant-General Fidel Ramos, his deputy, would keep the peace during the poll campaign.

Japanese pledge to cut surplus

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, said yesterday that Japan cannot continue running large trade surpluses and "expect to 'survive' in the world community."



Miss Heather Northway, an exhibition assistant, adjusting a wax figure of King Henry VIII at the Boston Museum of Science.

He had assured his hosts that Britain could be "relied on to give support to all reasonable peace initiatives which sought settlements of the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Iran-Iraq war."

Dutch police told to run in case of terror attack

Amsterdam (AP) - The head of the biggest Dutch police union has advised his members to "pack up and run" in case of a terrorist attack, claiming they are not well enough trained and equipped to fight terrorism.

Paris puts legal watchdog in Hersant office

The commercial tribunal of Paris has appointed a judicial attorney to oversee the affairs of the Progress de Lyon newspaper group after what the French Government claims is the illegal sale of the titles to M Robert Hersant, the right-wing press magnate.

Gemayel hemmed in as Lebanon fighting halts

Beirut (Reuters) - Troops enforced a ceasefire in east Beirut yesterday after 20 people were killed and 60 wounded in savage street fighting between rival Christian militias.

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Credit protest by swindlers

Oslo (Reuters) - Police got back on the track of two escaped Norwegian prisoners after they telephoned a credit card company from Thailand to complain credit cards they are using to finance a world-wide spending spree were no longer being honoured.

Greece accepts upgraded relations with Israel

Greece has agreed to upgrade its relations with Israel, short of extending full diplomatic recognition. This was announced yesterday by Mr David Kimche, the Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, after a one-hour meeting with Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Foreign Minister.

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Crash landing

Manila (AFP) - A Filipino seaman aged 47 hurtled from a taxiing KLM jumbo jet at Manila airport after pressing an emergency button inflating emergency chutes, police said.

Rabbi's prayer triggers second Temple Mount riot

A prayer read by a rabbi on Temple Mount yesterday provoked a riot by Muslims which was broken up by Israeli police using tear gas.

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Brazen protest

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China lists five hurdles for party officials to beat corruption

From Mary Lee, Peking

A senior Chinese official yesterday listed five "checkpoints" through which all Communist Party members must pass in order to solve the problems of corruption and implement economic reforms correctly.

Mr Yuan Baohua, deputy director of the State Economic Commission, said they were money, power, nepotism, reform and opening up to the outside world.

Abuse of power for money has become widespread and party leaders last week announced the formation of a top-level team to clean up the senior levels of the party, government and the People's Liberation Army.

However, Mr Yuan's list is the first indication of how the party plans to tackle high-level corruption. He told a conference that party officials in particular must approach the five checkpoints. The first two, money and power, were particularly important.

"If you fail to pass them, then it would be difficult to pass the other three".

Diplomats were uncertain why Mr Yuan listed reform and the open-door policy as checkpoints as well. One diplomat said: "He probably means that those who abuse power out of greed or because they want to secure opportunities for relatives are incapable of implementing the reform and open-door policies correctly".

Another diplomat interpreted it as an admission that the reforms and open-door policies had given rise to corruption.

To forestall any fears that the present campaign against corruption would result in a reversal of those policies, Mr Yuan said that in solving the problems of "unhealthy tendencies", China "must keep to the spirit of reform and never go back to the old [Maoist] road".

The *People's Daily*, carried a report yesterday of "exemplary" conduct by local bank officials in combating "unhealthy tendencies". The party committee of a bank branch in Tianjin "exposed its own scandals and dealt with problems on its own initiative".

One hundred and thirty-six employees at the bank were found to have squandered public funds on lavish entertainment, while 8 million yuan (£1.8 million) had been lent to party and government personnel and military units to engage in business, which is against regulations.

The deputy bank director, who had accepted gifts, made a "self-criticism". Bonuses offered by some business enterprises to bank officials were returned and all loans to the party, government and army units running businesses were recovered.

Columbia fails to take comet pictures

From Mohsin Ali Washington

Astronauts in the space shuttle Columbia yesterday struggled without success to fix a light intensifier vital for clearer observation of Halley's comet but pressed on with several other important space experiments.

One astronaut, George Nelson, a trained astronomer, tried to photograph the comet on Monday using a light image intensifier, but discovered its batteries were dead. He took the light device off the camera and shot several 5-second exposures of the comet, now visible for the first time in 76 years. The image intensifier, capable of amplifying the comet's dim light some 100,000 times, failed to work because it had been put on board the shuttle already turned on. Mr Nelson replaced its batteries, but it still failed to function.

The camera system and light amplifier are to be put on the shuttle Challenger later this month.

A National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) spokesman said that all experiments on Columbia were recording data, although one experiment could be lost because the lid of its gas canister could not be closed.

The crew of seven, including Congressman Bill Nelson, is also gathering more priceless scientific data, especially about medicine, materials processing in space, and astrophysics on the five-day mission.

PARIS: The sixteenth launching of Europe's Ariane rocket, due early on Friday, has been postponed until next month.



President Khamenei of Iran, with President Zia of Pakistan, waving to a welcoming crowd of mainly Shia Muslims at Islamabad airport

Iran leader extends Pakistan visit

Islamabad - President Khamenei of Iran has cancelled a visit to South Yemen because of the attempted coup (Hasan Akhbar writes).

He has extended his stay in Pakistan by one day to visit the industrial city of Karachi. He postponed his departure for Lahore yesterday on the second leg of his state visit.

Hojatolislam Khamenei, who arrived in Islamabad on Monday, is now due to leave for Lahore today.

The postponement of his arrival in Lahore was said to have caused a resentful demonstration with hundreds of people invading Lahore airport building and tar-mac. But the situation was brought swiftly under control. Pakistani Shia leaders have openly tried to bring out large crowds to welcome one of the top Shia leaders from Iran to this country.

The banquet speech on Monday night by President Khamenei indicated no desire to show flexibility in Iran's stand against Iraq.

Haiti protest wave shakes Baby Doc's firm grip on power

Port-au-Prince, Haiti (NYT) - Mr Adler Volny, a tall, grey-haired schoolmaster, stood in his ransacked bedroom in a city 90 miles north of here, amid mattresses askew, dresser drawers emptied in heaps, papers and books tossed about.

"All my rooms are like this," he said. "They said they were looking for arms, pistols, guns. But when they got me to the police station they questioned me about my son and nephew who were in the protest march."

Mr Volny, aged 50, was one of dozens of people reported to have been arrested and questioned in the last few days in Haiti in connection with a series of protests calling for the removal of President Jean-Claude Duvalier, whose family has ruled Haiti for nearly 30 years.

Like Mr Volny, many of the arrested people were reported to have been released after a few hours of detention and questioning. Some, also like Mr Volny, said they had been beaten by policemen or soldiers. Unlike some of the others, Mr Volny showed no bruises or other signs of physical abuse.

Mr Guy Mayer, a government spokesman, said he did not know how many people had been arrested, but it was "normal" for the Government to make arrests in trying to determine who was responsible for the protests. He said he had no information about Mr Volny.

Schools across the country have been closed because of the unrest and government officials and foreign diplomats said the situation was still very tense.

In his nearly 15 years in power, Mr Duvalier has ruled in a much less bloody manner than his father, Francois. But the younger Duvalier, who is 33, has maintained a climate of fear, and public dissent has been rare.

The demonstrations on Monday and Tuesday last week included a march through the dusty streets of Gonaives, a port where Mr Volny runs a private school. With a widespread student boycott of schools, the demonstrations continued a second wave of protests against President Duvalier in six weeks. Last week's protests, which were more varied and included not only students, as in the earlier ones, but adults as well, took place as the United States was considering whether to curtail foreign aid because of human rights abuses.

Meanwhile, some international relief organizations, reluctant to be seen to be taking sides, have partly suspended their usual distribution of food in Haiti because of the disturbances.

"The Government thinks the situation is very serious," Mr Mayer said. "But it is not enough to bring down the Government. The Government is in control."

It was the scene of the first public protests during the younger Duvalier's tenure. It was the starting point for the protest last November and those last week, which were echoed in half a dozen towns.

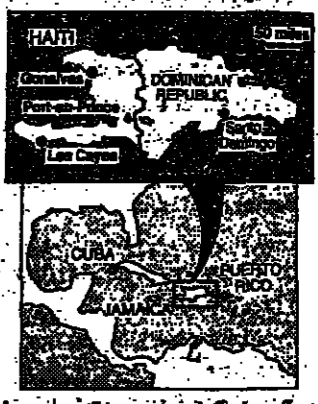
On Thursday, shops in Gonaives that had been closed for three days reopened, but residents said fewer people than usual were on the streets. There seemed to be more soldiers than usual at the main military post, but few were seen on the streets.

Many walls and fences in the heart of Gonaives have been spray-painted with the message: "Down with Jean-Claude Duvalier".

Early on Thursday afternoon, a government employee climbed a rickety ladder to paint but an anti-Duvalier slogan that had been scrawled on the independence monument.



President Jean-Claude Duvalier and, below, the troubled nation he rules.



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Mafia man says he is the boss only at home

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

There was a big crowd to see the debut John Gotti, said by police to be the new boss of America's largest criminal organization, was surrounded by reporters and photographers as he made his first public appearance since the death of the gang's former Godfather.

"You guys," the strongly-built Mr Gotti said warningly to the photographers jostling around him, "cut it out."

Mr Gotti's exposure to publicity was not voluntary. He and five other men appeared at the federal courthouse in Brooklyn, New York, on Monday on charges that they ran rackets and were responsible for three murders, armed robberies netting \$2 million, usury and lorry hijacking. All pleaded not guilty.

In keeping with his reputation as a smart dresser, Mr Gotti, aged 45, was in a well-cut grey suit. On his way into the court he held a door open for a woman reporter, saying: "I was brought up to hold doors open for ladies."

With a glance at the reporters he said to a lawyer: "They get a kick out of playing kid games."

In court the judge fixed the trial for April 7. Mr Gotti's lawyer said that he would try to have it delayed, arguing that Press reports naming Mr Gotti as the new boss of the Gambino Mafia family made it impossible for him to have a fair trial.

The former reputed head of the Gambino family, Paul Castellano, was murdered in Manhattan on December 16. His assistant and heir apparent was also killed.

Police and officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation say that Mr Gotti is the new Godfather of the Gambino family. Asked by a reporter about this, he said: "We don't know nothing ourselves. We hear it the same place you get it. We get it from the FBI. I'm the boss of my family, my wife and kids at home."

He departed in a black Cadillac limousine.

Rebels keep control of Cambodia resistance

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

The chances of Mr Son Sann, Prime Minister in Cambodia's anti-Vietnamese coalition, regaining control of his rebellious group are slipping away, according to well-informed diplomatic and military sources in Thailand.

The rebels are still refusing to meet Mr Son Sann and say they will not allow him into refugee camps near the Thai-Cambodian border.

The situation is embarrassing Thailand, which is trying to remain neutral. The Thai Government has said it would like to see unity restored, but will not take sides. But circumstances are forcing them to deny Mr Son Sann access to his supporters at the border.

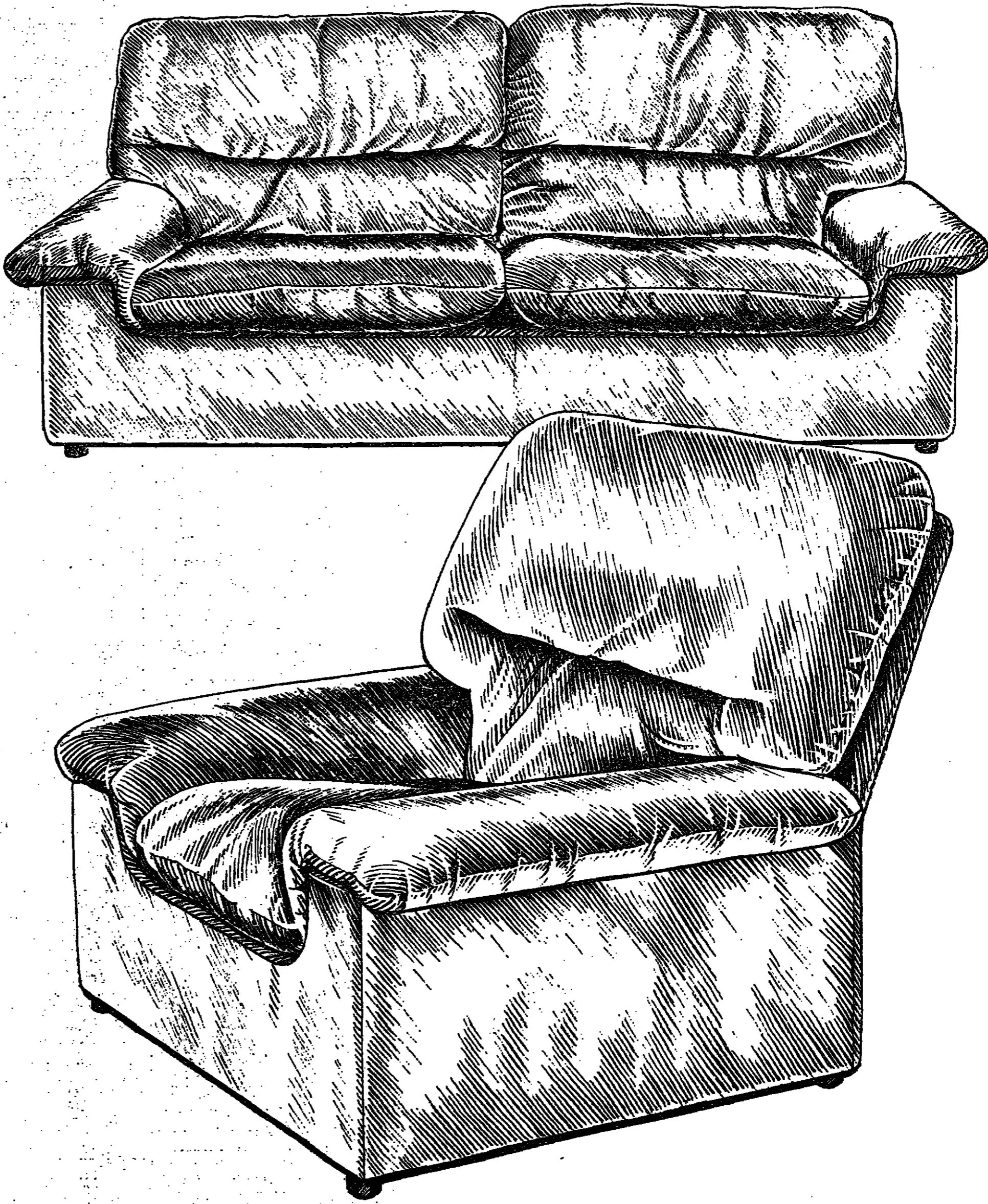
The rebels would lose their international credibility if Mr Son Sann did not remain Prime Minister. He said the rebel organization opposing him "must disappear".

The only visible support for him is coming from Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the Cambodian resistance, who

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THE ARTS

Television Not very helpful

Channel 4's 10 million is a new consumer programme for the over-sixties. Though it is long overdue surely they deserve better than this? The first story was about travel company swindles and concluded with the unhelpful advice that when all else fails "contact a lawyer" (on an old age pension?). The second was about the difficulties for the elderly of buying clothes in a youth-orientated society. So what's new? Advice on how to get around the problem would have been novel, but there was none. Only with its examination of the shortcomings of a particular retirement home did the programme find its feet and its campaigning zeal.

For What it's Worth: Energy Special II (Channel 4) was another consumer programme but with a wider net. Britain's energy policy, or lack of it, was the subject under the microscope. The programme was cheery and competent but the news was depressing. The example of the Dances (who have halved their fuel bill with conservation) is not going to be followed. The Government believes it would only lead to a proliferation of bureaucrats. However, a system whereby houses would be awarded points according to their energy efficiency is being considered. Regrettably, the presenter did not examine the social implications of such a system and its bias towards the well-off. A more full-blooded programme would have gone for it mercilessly. This one did not.

The Strange Affair of... The Mayerling Tragedy (BBC2) unearthed that old chestnut, the double death of Crown-Prince Rudolph of Austria and Mary Vetsera. Nothing new was really turned up. It was still suicide. But Robert Symes, the presenter, brought more than a touch of Edgar Lugsigarten to his delivery.

The Ghosts in the Machine II (Channel 4) proved that avant-garde art can be just as bad as bourgeois art (the exception was the tape *The End of the World*). The designation of the contributors as "video artists" should definitely win a prize for pretentiousness.

Carlo Gébler



Character development: John Tomlinson (left) with the producer, Keith Warner, and as Moses

Rossini's *Moses*, conceived as an epic spectacle, appears at the Coliseum tomorrow on a relatively tiny budget: Richard Morrison investigates how inexpensively English National Opera can part the Red Sea and make the earth quake

Making miracles on a prayer

If the cash was available a modern opera house could easily spend a million pounds putting on Rossini's *Moses*. The Paris Opera were not exactly penny-pinching when they staged it recently. The libretto is peppered with cues for lavish effects: "a glowing meteor falls upon the bush", "the sky darkens, the earth quakes". A couple of rainbows are requested and, most famously, the last scene challenges the designer to part the Red Sea more spectacularly than Cecil B. De Mille.

English National Opera's first *Moses*, which opens at the Coliseum tomorrow, is doing it all for £20,000. That tiny amount, about a fifth of a normal ENO budget, is a condition of the sponsorship by Norwest, Holst for the production of rarely-seen "chorus" operas. The sum covers sets, costumes (about 270 of them), lighting and props, and the financial constraint has to spark the ingenuity of both the director Keith Warner (mounting his first major production in his fifth year on the ENO staff) and the young Romanian designer Marie-Jeanne Lecca. How are they going to recreate the miracles? "On a prayer," says Warner. "We've now been through five different design concepts", says Lecca.

Behind the obligatory facade of theatrical panic at the Coliseum rehearsals lay evidence of a strong, challenging interpretation emerging. Rossini "traditionalists" can be assured that they will not be cheated of their burning bush or their earthquake. But elsewhere Warner and Lecca will be filling the huge void of the Coliseum stage with the unexpected rather than the grandiose. "You don't take

Rossini seriously if you swamp him in lots of cardboard sets and dry ice," says Warner. "This is a statement for 1986; it shouldn't be a comfortable evening in the theatre. Rossini didn't want that - he probably hoped parallels would be drawn between the Israelites' struggle in the Book of Exodus and the cause of Italian reunification in his own time. We want to recreate that feeling of relevance." Supporting what Rossini did or did not want could be questioned.

As befits a man who trained as a Methodist lay-preacher, Warner has thought long and hard about the nature of the religious experiences depicted in *Moses*. "I found the opera an incredibly sincere attempt to tackle fundamental religious issues. But it is very difficult to ask a cast to act out something which is not tangible, like a miracle. So, rather than treating the Old Testament as a series of divine interventions, we portray it as a statement of archetypal questions which are applicable to modern life. 'God' then becomes the projection of a 'mess human aspiration, such as the Israelites' desire to be free of Egypt's rule."

Such an interpretation has obvious practical advantages on the stage: miracles do not necessarily have to be shown literally. "For example," says Warner, "at one point Pharaoh receives a report that the Nile has turned crimson. Well, one only has to remember Enoch Powell's riffs of blood' speech to imagine what that could really mean."

More clues about the arresting tangential references developed in Warner's

staging emerge as he talks about the opera's central characters. "It is hard for us in western democracies to understand a figure like Moses or, in our own time, someone like the Ayatollah: leaders whose enormous charisma galvanizes masses into fervent belief. Our own leaders are much more like Pharaoh, pragmatic and vacillating. 'Yes, you can be released; no you can't'."

As the rehearsals progress it is John Tomlinson's portrayal of the title-role that seems to dominate all else, towering and fanatical. Yet, however involved the principal singers become in Warner's vigorous stage action, they would all echo Tomlinson's remark: "You can't compromise with Rossini's music. It's got to be sung beautifully."

It will be the first time ENO has ever staged a Rossini epic opera. Besides the ENO chorus, which will sing from memory when portraying Israelites but sheet music when portraying Egyptians (Warner's idea, to differentiate the religious attitudes of the two races still further), there will also be a specially recruited team of 20 actors, whose impact on the proceedings it would be churlish to reveal.

How will ENO, on a £20,000 budget, manage to drown Pharaoh's army? "You will see the Red Sea part, that I promise," says Warner, with an enigmatic smile. Perhaps John Tomlinson is giving more away when he remarks "our ending does make sense: violence begets violence, after all". And also gets a duly amazed first-night audience?



Julia in New York - "I thought: here, truly, you can make a living"

Raul Julia hoped for international exposure in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, which opens in London tomorrow, but was scarcely expecting the film's huge success: interview by Caroline Moorehead

The urge to overcome human prejudice

The enormous success in America of *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, which opens at the Lumiere in London tomorrow, has amazed Raul Julia, one of its two stars, the other being William Hurt. He had liked the script, about two men held in a Latin American prison, so much that he had taken the part without salary, in exchange for a share in any profits. But he had very little confidence indeed that the American public would feel the same. He accepted it, he says, because it goes beyond politics to touch on a subject he feels more strongly about, the way that "when prejudices fall away human beings come to see each other as essentially the same". His triumph - "even in Mississippi, can you believe it?" - is a bonus. Julia, with almost 20 years of successes on and off Broadway behind him, is in the unusual

position of being extremely well known at home and virtually never seen abroad. If his plan to alternate film with play and to move into the television film world as a third strand to his career (he has never done television) works out, then the days of American isolation, he hopes, should now be over.

Raul Julia grew up in San Juan in Puerto Rico. He played his first part, in a school play, at the age of five and decided that, in terms of pleasure at least, that was how he intended to spend his life. Julia reached the Humanities Department of San Juan University with his dream intact.

He was part of a five-man cabaret called *The Lamplighters*, playing in Puerto Rican hotels, during his last year at university, when a visiting American impresario invited him to his table for a drink.

Encouraged by his praise, he flew to New York to see Broadway for himself. "I walked up and down. I had never seen, never imagined, so many theatres open and doing so well. I thought: here, truly, you can make a living."

Julia in New York knew that he had a number of points in his favour. He could act as easily in Spanish as in English and he was versatile: he sings, dances and will take on comedy with precisely the same enthusiasm as the classics. He was 21.

His early twenties were spent picking up parts wherever he could get them, many in Spanish and increasingly often in Shakespeare. When, in the late Sixties, he fell on a lean year and "ached for the theatre" he remembered how, early on, he had been singled out by Joe Papp, the impresario and founder of the New York Shakespeare Festival, after a reading of Puerto Rican poetry. "I gathered my courage, and rang his office. It was like calling up the Pope." Papp was friendly. All he could offer first was the job of house manager for an "unorthodox production of *Hamlet*", but that turned into a walk-on part in another Papp production, and after that parts, both on and off Broadway, came steadily. "The *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, a big hit, on Broadway. I played Proteus. Edmund in *King Lear*; Mac the Knife in *The Threepenny Opera*; Lopalkhin in *The Cherry Orchard*; *Othello*."

Always the classics? "No, no, absolutely not. Anything and everything."

Nine years ago Julia married his actress wife, Meryl, when they met doing a musical together in Philadelphia. They have one two-and-a-half-year-old son, Raul Sigmund; Julia plays with him most affectionately. By the late Sixties, he had left his \$15 a week one-room apartment for a ground-floor flat in a large block not far from Central Park on the west side. The rooms are dark but comfortable, with Indian wooden Buddhas on the walls, Chinese hangings, two fine Tibetan carpets with blue dragons and an early Japanese kimono, with the strung from a frame. Is he an Eastern traveller? "No, I was just lucky and got them from friends."

The political overtones of *Kiss of the Spider Woman* are not issues that preoccupy him. Others, particularly hunger, do. In 1977 he helped set up the Hunger Project, "to generate the will to end starvation on the planet by the end of the century". The project has, he says, four and a half million supporters.

There was a time when Julia saw his future largely in classical theatre, and there are still roles he thinks about. "I haven't done Richard III", he ticks them off, his working life, forwards and back, clear in his mind: "I'd like to have a shot at *Othello* again. I haven't finished with that; and Joe Papp is talking about *Lea*". At the moment, however, the pleasurable reviews of *Kiss of the Spider Woman* behind him, he is reading film scripts.

Agnes Bernelle King's Head

The title of Agnes Bernelle's cabaret show, *Father's Lying Dead on the Ironing Board*, comes from a song by the war German writer Joachim Ringelnatz, whose lyrics, translated by Miss Bernelle and set to music by Michael Dress, evoke the grotesque half-world familiar from the Brecht/Weill canon, a twilight zone graced by absurd deaths.

This indeterminate, timeless appealing back alley of the human soul must always be rendered in different shades of black: the colour of Miss Bernelle's hair, of her dress, of the fringed black cape with ruffled collar ("These are my sinister clothes") and of the darkness from which she first emerges, betrayed only by a glowing cigarette end, to whistle and then sing Brecht and Weill's "Mack Messer".

The single splash of luridness she allows in her props (as distinct from in her lyrics) consists of the vivid turquoise boa she adopts for "That Old Billbaon", a marvellously pungent song about nostalgia and faded romance which on Monday found the elements in sympathetic mood with the mad beasts of the night flapping about on the theatre's roof at the instant the singer reached the part about "that old ceiling".

Other material by Wedekind, Prevert and Klabund is complemented by songs and poems by Adrian Mitchell and Roger McGough, which hark back to the success Miss Bernelle enjoyed at the Establishment Club in the early 1960s. The road from her Berlin childhood has taken in a busy acting career, and it is through her expressions and gestures of pathos, bitchy, embarrassed or level - that she brings her repertoire to life.

Her voice begins the evening rather flat and tending to uncertainty in the sustained notes, but once she dispenses with the over-amplified microphone, the smoky warmth comes through to wrap itself round Ian Macpherson's judicious piano accompaniment.

Martin Cropper

Andrei Tarkovsky, the Russian film director, is ill and therefore unable to stage Covent Garden's *Der fliegende Holländer*, which opens in March and was to have been designed by Carlo Tommasi from Italy. It will now be produced by a British team led by Mike Ashman, directing for the first time at the Royal Opera, with design by David Fielding (his first at Covent Garden) and movement by the dancer-choreographer Kate Platt. Gerd Albrecht, who conducts, is also making his company debut. Simon Estes in the title role and Siegfried Jerusalem as Erik are singing with the company for the first time.

Theatre

Revivalism instead of oratory

Elmer Gantry Gate

"The notion that he is in any sense important as a writer should be resisted", thus Martin Seymour-Smith, in his spirited guidebook to the world's writers, crisply dismissing Sinclair Lewis. Obvious material, you might therefore suppose, for adaptation to the stage. If a novel's plot is to be considered the all-important item, theatrical arts can do duty for the novelist's point of view - always assuming Lewis can be granted such a feature in this longish tale of a successful preacher, in the business for the girls and the cash.

The prolific songwriter Steve Brown fills the original still further to make this 90-minute musical. The good points first. This very small theatre, over the Prince Albert pub in Notting Hill, has a stage that

could probably be covered with the pages of the copy of this newspaper... Wall... boldly smeared with paint to suggest wood grain transform the space by this simple means into a Mid-West barn. The almost uninterrupted succession of songs is pleasant enough, and it is good to watch the playing of the three-piece group squashed in to one side of the pews, which were imported specially for this show. Steve Brown's repertoire here is mainly cod-revivalist melodrama with the customary strong beat; but there is wit, rhythm to his lyrics and unexpected notes from the synthesizer make mischievous comments. In directing the performers - two young couples, an elder couple and Mark Ryan as Elmer - Giles Croft exploits the side aisle and rear of the room to give a sense of space and crowd participation.

But that crowd, which includes the audience, must be persuaded that Elmer has a golden tongue or the show is no more than an aimless trail of sexual encounters by a lecher in a dog-collar. Unfortunately, revivalist numbers have to stand in for the oratory. Given a tune as jaunty as "Seventy-four Trombones" and we might have felt ourselves being persuaded. Without that the orator is never anything but a sham. This is a gap made more troubling by the wittily passionate song given to Elmer's rival (Simon Green in good voice). Mark Ryan's performance echoes the line of the show, with the untrustworthy smiles and roguish glances of a plumpish Machiavelli.

However amusing such can'to performances as Wendy Pollock's weary, gum-chewing Gospel singer, mere tunes are not enough to transform the work of an unimportant novelist into a prize-worthy musical.

Jeremy Kingston

Concerts

The cellist as teller of tales

Cohen/Vignoles St John's/Radio 3

A depth and range of sonority notably characterized the cello playing of Robert Cohen at Monday's BBC Idpethime concert at St John's, Smith Square, which can be heard again on Radio 3 next Sunday. With Roger Vignoles a poised and expressive "piatto" partner, he brought a sense of drama as well as purposeful style to sonatas by Beethoven and Prokofiev, the latter in his only work of this kind.

Stimulated originally by the artistry of Rostropovich, the three movements of Prokofiev's

Op 119 in C major weave a variety of technical demands into what could almost be "once upon a time" fantasy. Mr Cohen's cello became like a teller of tales as it moved from the full-throated song at the start, to emerge, from the shadows and sombre accents to the childlike games suggested by the middle movement.

The work's lyricism and instrumentalism, as well as an "oben" dance-like vivacity, brought to mind the last of Prokofiev's ballets, *The Star Flower*, which he had begun to compose at the time of this sonata and which is still too little-known.

The rhapsodic cantabile of

the last movement, with the cellist's fleet-fingeredfiguration winding over and under the piano, generated a culminating grandeur of texture and subject-matter.

It was prefaced by an account of Beethoven's Sonata in the same key (Op 102 No 1) that began very soulfully and ended conversationally, but which made a virtue of the work's structural symmetry in its two movements. Enough. This was left at the end of the programme for the full sweetness of the cellist's tone to enrich Mendelssohn's "otherwise" pleasantly innocuous *Spieg Without Words*, Op 109.

Noel Goodwin

Steiger/Lidard Wigmore Hall

Anna Steiger has left her mark and an indelible one at that, on every opera production she has touched in the last four years. In recalling Aldeburgh's *Tier of the Screws*, Opera 80's *Cast of Glyndebourne's touring Carmen*, it is Ms Steiger's face which immediately flashes into the memory; intensely alert, vivacious, and daring to upstage her elders and betters.

The voice is inseparable from the stage presence: a strongly-painted, dynamic, at times even coarse, dark-hued soprano, quick to respond, eager to seize on any passing listener. It was, I hope, the voice as much as the personality which won her the

1984 Richard Tauber Prize; but at her Anglo-Austrian Music Society recital on Monday, in which she was accompanied by Pamela Lidard, it was not until the very end; in "Obradors" Spanish songs, that these two sides of her performance came together.

In "the sensuous, unaccompanied "La mi sola", rolled round the mouth like honey, and in the classic vowels of "El majo celoso", Steiger at last cast off the stifling sense of constraint which had earlier dampened the spirits of a brightly-varied programme.

Part of the problem seemed to be an unnessary with Lieders close verbal focus. Schubert elicited little more than a glazed intensity; Wolf's pair of Dresden shepherdes-

ts, "Eric Shims once described "Die Spröde" and "Die Bekehrte", became crude terra-cotta figures. Ravel's Greek songs and Poulenc's Max Jacob settings were clearly closer to the heart of this gamine.

But the problem is primarily a vocal one. Only in the starting Expressionism of Schoenberg's *Du hast gesagt* did the voice seem really at ease. Elsewhere, Steiger's habit, almost a mannerism, of shutting off the top of the voice, and of closing the throat in high or quiet passages, produced a dull, aching sound which simply damps up the expressive power it hopes, and with better guidance and experience will surely be able, to release.

Hilary Finch

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subsidies make sound economic sense. But then, so have we.

The most authoritative study on the subject was produced by the Department of Transport. It showed that we gain at least £1.20p for every £1 we spend on subsidy.

It's not hard to see why.

Fewer accidents mean lower

WHEN FARES GO UP THE TRAFFIC SLOWS DOWN.

road casualties increased by nearly 4,000 compared to the previous year.

But 1982 was not unique. Almost every fare rise is followed by an increase in casualties on the roads.

This week the fares on London's buses, tubes and British Rail trains have gone up again.

The extra money will not be used to improve services. It will be used to reduce the level of subsidy that London's transport systems receive from central government.

Yet London already receives less subsidy than most comparable western cities.

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These cities have found that

costs to the National Health Service.

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The Department of Transport know this. They accept that subsidies produce a net benefit.

The only reason subsidies are low, and getting lower is the Treasury's wish to cut public spending.

Whatever the arguments for or against such cuts, they're a false economy when it comes to public transport.

If you agree, you can write to your M.P. and tell him so. It could be a matter of life and death.

CAPITAL
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Hardware for hard times at home

- 1985 was the year when Britain's police found themselves thrust into the firing line. For the first time this century, police on the mainland were shot at during a riot in which one policeman was killed.
- This year has already seen the introduction of police armed with sub-machine guns at Heathrow and Manchester airports, following the terrorist massacres at Rome and Vienna. But is this enough? Are Britain's policemen adequately protected in an increasingly violent society?
- Here, Sally Brompton looks at the weapons currently available to the police, their future options, and the range of hardware in use abroad.

The past few months have seen an unprecedented escalation in attacks on the police on the streets of mainland Britain.

The revelation this week that rioters on the Broadwater Farm estate, Tottenham, may have planned to booby-trap policemen in a blazing underground ambush introduces a horrifying new element into civilian policing.

Attacks on the police are growing increasingly brutal as the tactics - and weapons - of troublemakers and terrorists become more sophisticated.

The problem is that in most cases the villains are better equipped than the police themselves, due to the inevitable financial and political restraints which prevent Britain's police forces from taking advantage of the most modern weapons on the market.

It is a situation that is under review by the Home Office and Scotland Yard, who are studying the report by Mr Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, on last year's riots in Handsworth, and looking at lessons learned during that and other recent riots, as well as the miners' strike, to see what more can be done to protect the lives of our lawmen.

The fact that the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, has given his official backing to police chiefs who want to stock controversial plastic bullets for use as a last resort against rioters is an indication of the extent of the Government's concern.

At the same time, they must be sensitive to public concern over the police use of firearms, concern fuelled by the shooting of Mrs Cherry Groce in Brixton and the recent news that PC Brian Chester is to be charged with the manslaughter of a five-year-old Birmingham boy during an armed police raid last August.

Part of the police's dilemma is deciding how far they can go towards protecting themselves without actually provoking rioters. "When you see officers pressed up in a riot they do tend to look like a para-military squad," says Mr Leslie Curtis, chairman of the Police Federation.

"Our primary aim is to keep policemen alive and away from injuries and from that point of view we wouldn't wish to see their equipment looking any more provocative."

The formation of a separate force specifically trained in riot control along the lines of France's much-feared CRS (Republican security companies) has so far been rejected by the Government for both practical and political reasons. On the other hand, there is a reluctance on the part of the politicians to sacrifice the traditional concept of the community "bobby" in favour of the tough-guy image of America's gun-toting cops.

The turning point in police protection came after the Notting Hill carnival riots of 1976 when officers were forced to defend themselves against missiles with nothing more than dustbin lids.

Since then, the steep increases in the number of occasions when police have needed to protect themselves against street violence, culminating in the petrol bombs and gunfire at Tottenham, has led to the need for a serious re-evaluation of their resources.

While the Home Office is in overall control of police equipment, it is the responsibility of the individual chief constables to buy weapons (assisted by a government grant) and decide how they will equip and train their own forces. Often their hands are tied by the local police authority as in the case of Labour-controlled Greater Manchester, whose authority recently ordered its chief constable, Mr James Anderton, to return the 500 plastic bullets and four special guns he had bought for use in emergencies.

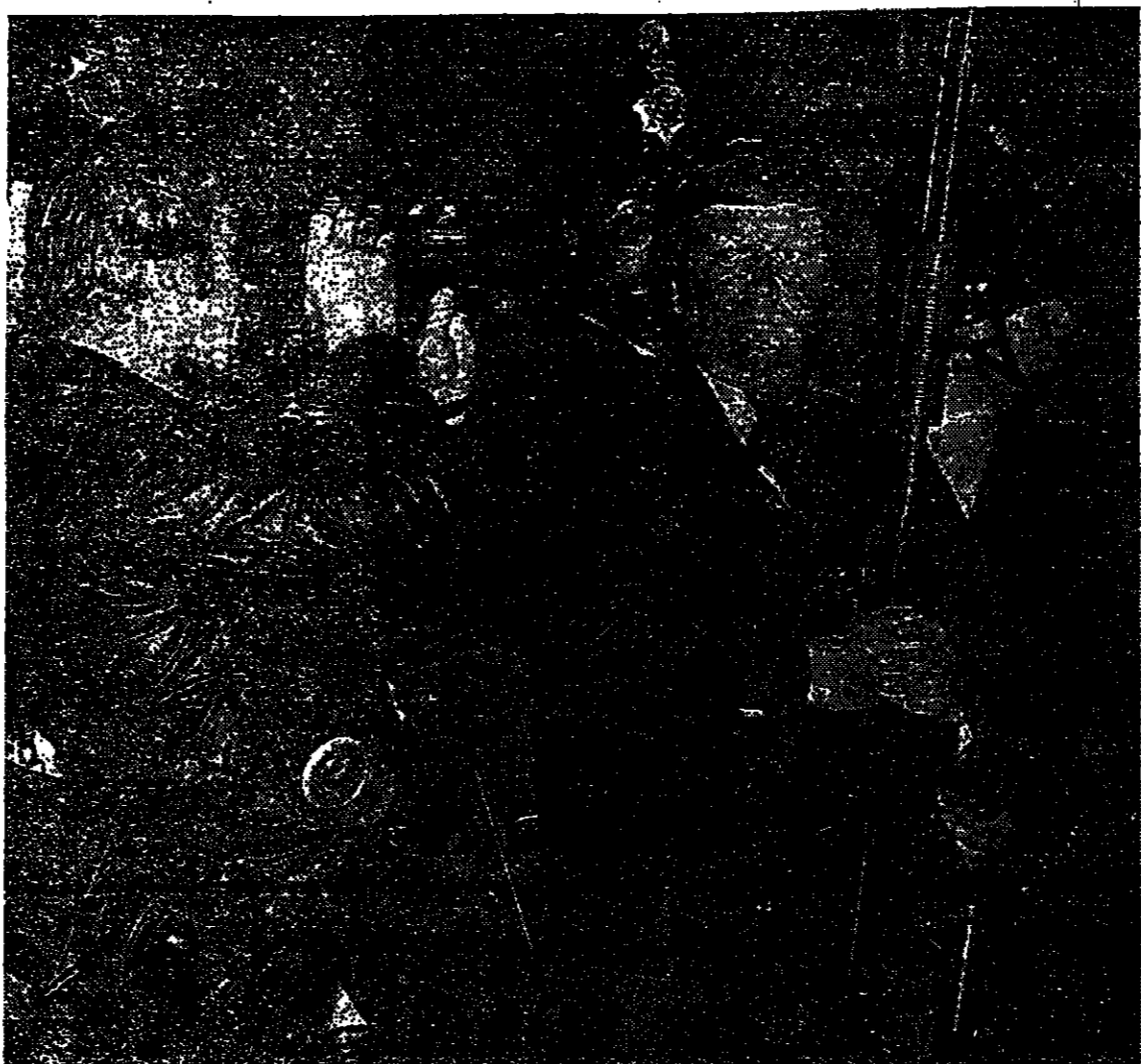
Scotland Yard's public order training centres at Hounslow and Greenwich have adapted their techniques in recent years to include up-to-date methods of riot control. Officers have varying degrees by the secret and much-criticized *Tactical Options Manual* which first came to the public's attention during the miners' strike trials.

Our aim is to keep policemen alive and away from injury

The Met's Firearms Training Division, formed in 1966 following the Shepherds Bush shooting in which three officers were killed, is one of five national training centres where officers can train to use firearms. The standardized training, which costs the Met just over £50 a day for each man trained, consists of an initial two weeks made up of 60 per cent tactics and 40 per cent shooting, followed by four refresher courses each year.

Authorized firearms officers must have achieved an overall score of at least 70 per cent in their end-of-course test and to qualify as a marksman they need a 90 per cent pass mark.

Scotland Yard's four dozen instructors in its D11 Firearms Training Division are also brought in on a rotational basis for terrorists attacks and serious armed crimes. It is officers from this crack squad - known as the Blue Berets - who last week were assigned to guard Heathrow Airport's main terminals with sub-machine guns and Manchester's Ringway airport on Monday.



Strong arm: police already have image intensifier telescopes and pump action shotguns; right: possible protective clothing and equipment for the 1990s

THE PRESENT

Britain's law-enforcement firearms have changed little since police were first authorized to carry flintlock pistols when the Metropolitan Police Force began in 1829. In those days the officers carried their truncheons in the tails of their coats and were also issued with sabres - for those on horseback - and cutlasses, which have never officially been withdrawn.

The police arsenal is currently based on the Model 10 revolver, the Smith and Wesson Model 64 revolver .38 calibre (for situations requiring a concealed weapon); the 9mm Browning self-loading pistol and a dozen fully automatic Heckler and Koch MP 5 machine guns - now being used to protect Heathrow.

Thirteen out of Britain's 43 police forces hold stocks of PVC plastic baton rounds which were made available to the police following the 1981 riots but have so far never been used on the mainland. In Ulster, they are highly controversial, having been responsible for 15 deaths - seven of them children - since they replaced the less accurate rubber bullets in 1972. The two-day police training to use the L67 baton gun (a converted signal pistol) emphasizes the minimum distance at which it should be used.

Thirty forces hold stocks of CS gas which, despite being introduced by the Home Office about 20 years ago, was used for the first - and only time so far - by the police in Merseyside in 1981. The main drawback with CS is that it is dependent on the direction of the wind and can blow back into police ranks as well as affecting innocent bystanders.

Scotland Yard recently introduced a new riot stick, first issued to

officers during last September's Brixton riot, which is about 2ft longer than the traditional hardwood truncheon.

Defensive equipment consists of plastic shields - both long and short; padded body armour in a man-made fibre, Kevlar, originally developed for car tyres, which will stop bullets from most hand guns, fully automatic weapons and shotguns but not high velocity rifle shot. There are also bullet-resistant NATO steel helmets (approximately one-fifth of every force is shield-trained and has helmets).

The Home Office has three public order surveillance vehicles nicknamed "hoolivans" which are Ford Transit vans containing two television cameras and a 35mm photographic system mounted on a periscope and backed up by a pair of video monitors. The vans have been used for monitoring football crowds and are useful for VIP escort and security duties.

It has also developed evidence-gathering cameras, which are moun-

ted on tripods and capable of providing both still photographs and videos. They have proved to be an effective deterrent against football violence. The cameras - the Home Office has two at present - are specially designed to produce good-quality pictures even in poor light.

The Metropolitan Police has three helicopters equipped with television cameras which they can use against rioters if necessary, and protected vans with reinforced corners and window grills for carrying officers to the scene of a riot.

Communication during riots is a major problem and the Met has 10,000 two-way radios to enable police units to keep in touch. Powerful searchlights are also necessary after dark for taking photographs and enabling officers to see what is happening.

Scotland Yard's armour also contains a prototype squash ball firer especially constructed in the late 1970s to assist officers to detain a man wielding a machete who had barricaded himself into his home.

ABROAD

The Home Office and Scotland Yard keep a close watch on the methods used to handle civil uprisings by police forces in other countries.

The Japanese riot squad - the Kidotai - are the most heavily armoured riot police in the world. They are also the toughest and have to fit enough to operate inside a 14 1/2 lb uniform while carrying a 12lb aluminium shield. Their equipment includes wooden truncheons, polycarbonate helmets, wicker and metal shields, tear gas guns, truck-mounted smoke dispensers, water cannons, extending towers which can fill occupied buildings with tear gas and nets strung on long poles for

intercepting missiles.

America's anti-riot squads vary from state to state. In Washington, specially trained police are organized in ten-man civil disturbance units armed with helmet, visor, .38 revolver, tear gas, 3ft-long riot sticks and crowd-dispersing grenades. The National Guard, which reinforces the police when necessary, carries rifles, shotguns and riot batons.

In France, both the Gendarmerie and CRS carry transparent shields and are armed with rubber truncheons, 9mm sub-machine guns, 9mm automatic pistols, old-fashioned 7.5 carbines and tear gas grenades.



THE FUTURE

While the whole question of police equipment is under review, the 30-strong team that makes up the Public Order Matters Department at the Home Office is searching for an equally effective but less dangerous alternative to the unpopular plastic baton round - the most efficient method they have yet discovered for keeping a safe distance between police and crowds.

Initially, the water cannon seemed a possible alternative, but they are considered to be too large and unwieldy to be used successfully in inner-city areas and impossible to manoeuvre through narrow streets. They are also liable to overheat and need to be refilled after about ten minutes operating at full burst. They are also ideal hijack targets.

The Home Office is examining different types of lightweight shields. While they should, ideally, be transparent, this renders them neither totally fireproof nor bullet proof. And it is also considering the

purchase of bulldozers, similar to those used by anti-riot police in Japan, for removing barricades such as the upturned cars that blocked the streets at Handsworth.

Meanwhile, it is experimenting with two armour-plated Land-Rovers of the type used in Northern Ireland that have armour plated glass windows and slots in the sides for firing plastic baton rounds.

The Met is also planning to increase its quota of protective vehicles and is evaluating four new types of truncheon including a 10-inch, ridged "defender" baton attached to a chain which hooks around the user's finger.

A large proportion of the weapons and anti-riot equipment available on the commercial market are far more advanced than anything currently in the hands of the police.

The AMAC-1 is a highly sophisticated and expensive British-made crowd control vehicle which has already been bought by several police forces overseas. The armoured vehicle's equipment includes 16 grenade-launchers, 18 mm ports, water cannon, infra-red video cameras, search and floodlights, bullet-proof tyres and a 7000-volt electrical charge running through the bodywork's external skin.

The Arwen 37 semi-automatic weapon system costs around £600 and fires a range of baton and CS ammunition as well as multi-source screening smoke. It is being used by police forces in about 20 other countries, including several in the United States.

There is also a range of acoustic weapons such as the MX5 distraction grenade intended to confuse and disorientate the target through sound and flash without causing injury.

Tough guys: the face of Miami riot police

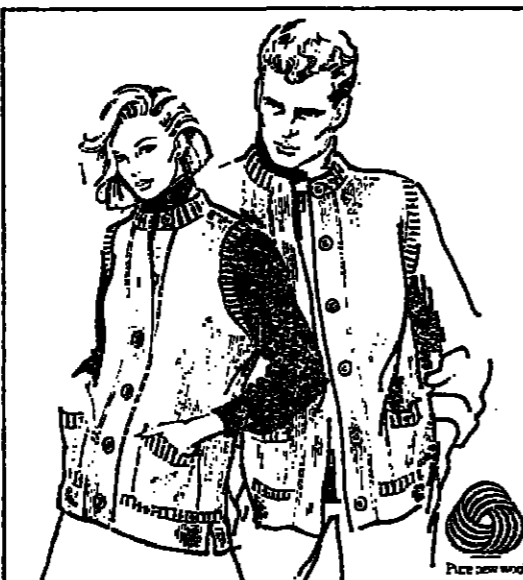
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THE TIMES GUERNSEY GILET

This pure wool 'gilet' or button-through waist-coat is warm and practical as well as being smart and stylish to wear. It is made in Guernsey from 100% pure new wool and has many of the features that make Guernsey knitwear so popular.

The gilet is made up with a tight close knit for added warmth and wind resistance and the strong high-quality wool ensures that it is tough and hard-wearing. The styling is classic, with a ribbed crew-neck, armholes and hem, with the same neat ribbing knitted across the two patch pockets. The gilet buttons through from neck to hem, and is also characterised as a Guernsey garment by the small slit openings at either side of the deep hem.

Suitable for both men and women, the gilet is ideal as a stylish body warmer over shirts and tops and will team well with a variety of skirts and trousers. The Guernsey gilet is a smart high-quality garment that has been specially selected for Times readers and is available in a choice of navy blue or grey with black buttons or oatmeal with wooden buttons. It may be dry cleaned or hand washed with care.



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Putting a new head on a long-playing album

Just for the record - today a change of editor is announced for The Guinness Book of Records. Will he break new ground?



Alan Russell: quality control

On April 1 - and this is not a hoax - Norris McWhirter will vacate the editor's chair at The Guinness Book of Records after 30 years. That length of tenure is inevitably a record in itself, since Norris and Ross, his late twin brother, were in at the inception of the world's most famous chronicle of attainment in August 1955.

He will be succeeded by Alan Russell, 48-year-old BBC producer of children's programmes who has done 27 years (not a record) at the corporation.

When he takes up his post at the book's Enfield offices he will do little to change the format of an annual volume which has found a place in its own pages; for by 1974 the book had become the top-selling copy-right tome in publishing history, with sales of 23.9 million. Eleven years later the worldwide figures have climbed to over 50 million which, for the record, is equal to 114 piles each stacked up to the height of Mount Everest.

This is a hard feat to follow and yet Russell, who was for many years responsible for the BBC's *Record Breakers* series, has utter faith in the evolution of excellence.

"Take the long jump", he says. "When Bob Beaman broke the record in 1968 in Mexico (29ft 2 1/2in or 8.9 metres), everyone was saying that it could never be bettered. Well, I don't believe that. There is a weight of opinion saying that if Carl Lewis attempted it now, at

an altitude of 8,000ft he could take it."

Russell takes over a book with a most peculiar provenance: it started life as a credible arbiter between rival factions warring in Ireland about the speed of birds. The story goes that in November 1951 Sir Hugh Beaver, managing director of Guinness, was shooting on the North Slob, by the River Slaney in County Wexford.

In the course of the shoot various members, to their chagrin, failed to pick off the golden plover overhead. At Castlebridge House that same evening it became clear during the conversation that it would be impossible to determine whether the plover, as opposed to the grouse, was really Europe's fleetest game bird.

Sir Hugh believed that there must be many other similar arguments addressed each night in the 81,400 pubs of Britain and Ireland, without authoritative referees.

He was right today *The Guinness Book of Records* has some 15,000 entries, ranging from Tallest Man (Robert Wadlow, 8ft 11.1in) to the Shortest Woman (Pauline Musters, 23.2in).

When Russell takes over, he will not depart from the traditional criteria of the McWhiters: "I'll give you an example: if someone wants to say how fast they've drunk a bottle of Scotch, I'm not interested. Because I think that if children read that sort of thing - and children are always interested in records being broken - it can only do them harm."

"Now if you are talking about the speed with which a yard of ale is drunk, then that's all right."

"Let's think about karate. There was a team of experts who knocked down a house with their bare hands in record time. I'm prepared to include that sort of information in the book. But if it's been done by a group of untrained amateurs, then I'm not going to put it in. It sets a very bad example."

"The difficulty about records", says Russell, "is that they are mostly quantitative, not qualitative. If you want to describe the achievement of the strongest man in the world, then you can. But to me, there is far greater interest in the woman whose son has been run over and who simply picks up the car and lifts it off him. You could probably do the same if that happened to your child. It wouldn't qualify for a record, but it would be, in its own way, a far more remarkable achievement than a super heavyweight picking up some colossal load."

Russell, although partly convinced by the concept of Darwinian progression, believes that human records should be considered within the context of their own day: "Whenever anyone speaks about Jesse Owens, it's always of the 1936 Olympics. But, to me, a far

more interesting achievement was the one he did in 1935." On that occasion, at Ann Arbor, Michigan on May 25, Owens broke six world records in just 45 minutes - the 100 yards, the long jump, the 220 yards (and 200 metres), the 220 yards low hurdles (and 200 metres).

Russell will be working with a staff of three and part of their function will be to verify the numerous record-breaking claims which are submitted.

He said: "If there is a claim for someone being, let us say, the heaviest man in the world, then I would want to be present when he is put on the scales. If I can't be there, I would wish one of my representatives to be."

His own preoccupations, like those of his predecessors, go well beyond physical prowess.

"When I was working on *Record Breakers*, we found a substance called Talin in West Africa; this is listed in the Guinness book as the sweetest substance in the world. Now, this stuff is protein, so it can't rot your teeth. I say: 'Go ahead science.' That, to me, is far more important than, for example, a man playing the piano non-stop for three days."

Russell's final example is embarrassing, but must be quoted in the interests of accuracy. It concerns the record number of misprints in *The Times*, which occurred on August 23, 1978 on page 19, in which were printed 97 "literals" in 5 1/2 single column inches. The passage concerned Pop (Pope) Paul VI. That at least is their story.

Alan Franks

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 849)

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5 Horse-like animal (3)	6 Criminal collection (6,7)	15 Asian bean (4)	22 Reptile lover (4)
7 Definite article (3)	8 Customary (8)	16 Message (5)	23 Sullen (4)
8 Set off (8)	9 Male lead (4)	17 Unintentional, 17 OAPs	18 Stoppage
9 Customary (8)	10 Reprised (4,2)	19 Sirocco	22 Topic
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4 Deceased's wife (5)	5 Napoleon's first exile (4)	6 Stout sticks (5)	7 Worry (4)
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How to avoid a lifetime of bed and bored

After the promiscuous Sixties and the uncertain Seventies monogamy is back in fashion. And one leading sex therapist has revealed a host of ways to make long-term fidelity fun

One of the great American institutions is the How-To book. The Life Enhancement sections of American bookshops are filled with volumes telling people how to make a million dollars, how to live to be 100, how to bring up babies, how to build big muscles, how to flatten their stomachs, how to look 10 years younger in 10 hours. How-To's are among the biggest money spinners for American publishers, who know how to get rich.

Of course, there are many How-To sex books. If you thought there was nothing new to say about such a well-documented human activity, you would be wrong. Sex, like everything else, has fashions. Sex in America, like making money, is taken very seriously, and the sex world, like the worlds of business and fashion, has its gurus, telling Americans How-To.

Long ago, in the 1960s, there was the permissive society, Sex and the Single Girl, the Pill and liberation. Then came the uncertain 1970s. Now, in the conservative 1980s, if we believe what we are told, the pendulum has swung back - given a little shove by herpes and AIDS - to what the gurus call the Age of Commitment.

Passion does not have to die with marriage although home can be the unsexiest place

According to a fashionable New York magazine, indiscriminate sex, like sushi, white chocolate, sunbathing, Madonna, Boy George, Michael Jackson and aerobics are Out. Monogamy, like sandals for men, Fred Astaire, Indian art and pearl necklaces are In.

The latest book for all monogamists is *How To Make Love To The Same Person For The Rest Of Your Life - And Still Love It*. It will be published in Britain on February 6. Its author, Dr Dagmar O'Connor, a Swedish-born sex therapist, told me in New York that it showed the way to the best of both worlds: a committed relationship and marvellous sex - with the same person.

"We are in the middle of a crisis about sexually trans-

mitted diseases. People are not just emotionally responsible for each other, they are realizing that they have a physical responsibility, too. They want to know where each other has been", she said.

"There is also a conservative trend in America at the moment, and my book is for all of us, single, married, divorced or remarried, who have finally rejected one-night stands, serial affairs, secret infidelities and open marriages and now yearn for one complete and lasting sexual relationship."

Who would have guessed, Dr O'Connor enthused, that after all the crazy things we have tried, all the barriers we have broken, that making vital, uninhibited love to the same person forever would turn out to be the biggest sexual challenge of our lives, with the potential to be more thrilling and varied and satisfying than any other sexual arrangement you could have thought of.

To some couples, however, that idea might appear to be the sexual equivalent of appearing in *The Mousetrap*. Their sex lives are dull, their partners uninterested or uninteresting. Dr O'Connor's How To "more than a survival book for the post-sexual revolution" - agrees that marriage can be a perfect arrangement for avoiding sex, providing more alibis, excuses, distractions and tensions to keep us from enjoying each other sexually than any other scheme designed by man.

But passion does not have to die with marriage, in spite of the fact that home can be the unsexiest place in the world.

Dr O'Connor has varied suggestions how couples who have opted to sow and reap in the same meadow can ensure that sex remains fun and fulfilling. She is absolutely candid. The book is explicit, based on her experience as a sex therapist for more than 15 years.

She prescribes "turn-on" techniques, touching exercises and bodily exploration expeditions. In reply to the most common complaint she hears - "We're too busy for sex" - she says: "Nonsense!"

"I've talked to hundreds of couples 'too busy for sex' who think nothing of dedicating a full hour to preparing dinner, who somehow manage to spend at least an hour watching television each evening, and who average two nights a week with friends, at classes, gyms or meetings. In terms of everyday priorities, sex is last.

"Being 'too busy' is simply

another subtle way we avoid sex. By not having time, we never have to face the anxieties or resentments which are the real reasons why we haven't made love for weeks or months on end."

Her recipe: take each other - and a sandwich - to bed. "One evening a week - Wednesday is a nice neutral day - pick up a bottle of wine and two sandwiches-to-go on the way home from work, and take each other and the sandwiches directly to bed. Do not turn on the TV. Do not turn off the phone (or put on your answering machine) and for the next three or four hours, just eat, drink... and fool around."

Buy wine and two sandwiches on the way home from work and take each other to bed

People have tried the sandwich cure with success. One woman admitted to Dr O'Connor that by three o'clock on Wednesday afternoons she had usually made one or two "obscene" phone calls to her husband in his office.

Dr O'Connor advocates fantasy, and tells the story of Terri and her husband who found that "sexing out" - getting a babysitter and freeing themselves for an evening of sex in a hotel - made sex a treat. One couple enjoyed going to a good hotel one night, and a cheap one on another. Eventually they discovered an old boarding house which made the perfect setting for a secret affair - with each other.

Another couple occasionally went to their car in the drive at night, and behaved like teenagers in the back seat. One suggests that the neighbours get used to it.

Dr O'Connor says that some couples do "naughty things" with their feet under the table in restaurants, and others enjoy discovering an old boarding house which made the perfect setting for a secret affair - with each other.

To those who seek to enliven their sex lives with extra-marital affairs, Dr O'Connor administers a rap on the knuckles. If they took half the energy and time they put into juggling these



Dr Dagmar O'Connor in her New York office: 'Turn off the phone and just fool around'

affairs and put it instead into making their sex lives with their own wives and husbands more exciting, they would be a lot happier, she says.

"I am convinced that we can have the security and trust of a continuous relationship and the thrill and adventure of an 'affair' - with our husband or wife."

She is particularly pleased when retired people consult her. "I see a lot of them. They say: 'Now we have time to fix our sex lives - tell us how to do it!'"

Although Dr O'Connor's book is uninhibited, she herself is resistant to becoming a public figure, unlike fellow New York sex guru Dr Ruth Westheimer, who loves to tell all about herself and revels in the limelight.

"My private life is my own", Dr O'Connor said. "I am a therapist, with an academic background. I teach and lecture.

My patients come to me for sex therapy. It is not necessary for them to know all about me."

She is 50, married, with two sons at college. She moved to the United States in 1962, after studying in Stockholm, and worked with that grand old couple of sex therapy, William Masters and Virginia Johnson.

She came to New York in 1969, and was the city's first female sex therapist. She runs a private practice, and since 1977 has been the director of the

sexual therapy programme at New York's St Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital.

When her book was published in America, she went on a whirlwind publicity tour of 13 cities. She plans a similar promotion drive in Britain in February - London, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, as well as a visit to Dublin - in one week.

She said that she had made one request - "Wherever I go I must be provided with an electric blanket!" How To Stay Warm In Bed In Britain?

How To Make Love To The Same Person For The Rest Of Your Life - And Still Love It by Dr Dagmar O'Connor, published next month by Columbus Books, £7.95 hardback, £4.95 paperback.

Penny Symon
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MEL CALMAN'S DIARY

Nice way to work up an appetite

FRIDAY

After the rigours of the New Year I decided to be brave and expose myself to the further rigours of French cuisine. All this talk of Chanel links with the French has given me a tremendous appetite.

The girl at the car rental desk at Nice airport puts down her baguette to help me with directions to our hotel: "The Hotel Westminster is easy to find. *Tout droit* along the Promenade des Anglais." She hesitates for one moment in France, all the other drivers honk as if they are ambulances carrying life or death patients on their back seats. I hesitate - am honked - lose my nerve and swerve into a confusion of side streets. It's now pouring with rain which makes me feel even more panicky.

At last I find the hotel but there is nowhere to park. I may as well be in London. I leave it in the delivery entrance at the rear and hope the car looks like a vegetable truck.

Find a charming small restaurant (no bigger than someone's front room) and begin the serious business of eating. I can forgive the French any amount of honking once they sit down to eat.

THURSDAY

The Matisse Museum in Nice is marvellous. Some of Matisse's furniture is arranged in the rooms and his old palette is there; you can almost imagine he has gone out for a walk and will be back shortly to continue his painting.

The young curator tells me he plans to make the building even more like a home with plants and caged birds. Matisse was fond of birds, he says. What about a few attractive women as well, I want to say. I'm sure Matisse would have approved of a few naked young women running about the rooms.

Supper in an unusual restaurant in Old Nice. It's owned and run by Mme Hélène Barale. The rooms are filled with all kinds of antiques and bric-à-brac: gramophones, old cameras, flat irons, kitchen utensils, brass scales, lamps and even a small vintage motor car. Madame runs around swiftly, checking, serving, throwing wood on to the open fire, greeting guests and resembling an old general laying siege to an unwary enemy. I feel both nourished and surrounded.

SATURDAY

Over breakfast, which we eat in the sunshine on the balcony facing the sea, we discuss the problem of where to have lunch. Near the Chagall Museum or near the Picasso Museum? The talk of culture is, of course, a blind to disguise the vulgar need to eat at all after last night's large meal.

Go to the car to find I have my very first French parking ticket. It begins: "Desolé..." and I am disgraced. How can one be angry with a ticket that is worded so gently?

The Nicols certainly know how to diffuse the pain of driving a car in the Riviera. The Flower Market car park lift is disguised as a little villa with painted windows, shutters and even *trompe-l'œil* pigeons. The main town car park - a huge edifice like a cliff - has been cleverly covered in palm trees, plants and a children's playground.

SUNDAY

It's raining heavily tonight so we stay in and watch TV. *Gone With The Wind* (*Au vent en emporte le vent*) is showing with dubbed French voices. There is an awful fascination in watching Clark Gable speaking French, but the French-speaking Negro mammy is too unlikely. I suddenly crave for British television.

MONDAY

The sun is shining again and I stop missing British television. The coast road is dramatic and the signs that say "Monte Carlo" seem to beckon and signal wickedness and glamour.



As soon as I draw breath, reinforcements are thrown in and I have to prepare myself for another delicious sample of authentic peasant food. Madame chides me for not finishing up my ravioli and I feel like a naughty child at my grandmother's table.

At the end of the meal, Madame hands out song sheets and we all sing "Nissa La Bella" - a sort of national anthem to Nice.

It's wonderful, but for some strange reason, it reminds me of school dinners.

Judging cookery competitions or student examinations is unexpectedly rewarding. Fellow judges may be chefs, teachers, writers, restaurateurs, indeed anyone credited with a sufficient interest in or knowledge of food. As well as the pleasant flattery of being asked, one reward of judging is the opportunity to discuss the food in front of us unfettered by considerations of good manners or guestly propriety. It is this exchange of tastes that I value almost as much as the fresh ideas invariably stimulated by the dishes themselves.

The recipe for a winter fruit compote in red wine is the best

of its kind I have tasted. As one of Lyn Hall's students demonstrated with this entry for the buffet exams at La Petite Cuisine School of Cooking which I helped to judge just before Christmas, it can look stunning too. She had piled the whole pears in a heap in the centre of a vast straight-sided glass bowl and arranged the prunes, oranges and nuts round them on the base of the bowl. It could not have been less fussy or more striking.

Since then, La Petite Cuisine has moved from Richmond to a base in central London from which Miss Hall plans to take the school on tour, giving demonstrations throughout Britain and abroad. One of the first demonstrations will be given by Anton Mosimann of The Dorchester.

- Compote de fruits d'hiver au vin rouge
Serves 6
- 4 oranges
 - 2 bottles of Cotes du Rhone or other robust red wine
 - 10 bay leaves
 - 4 cinnamon sticks
 - 4 whole cloves
 - 2 vanilla pods
 - 2.5cm (1in) cube fresh ginger, sliced
 - About 225g (8oz) caster sugar (see method)
 - 6 pears, Comice or Williams
 - 6 prunes
 - 12 walnut halves
 - Juice of 1 lemon

Slice three of the oranges thinly. Bring the wine to the boil with the bay leaves, cinnamon, cloves, vanilla pods (they can be rinsed and dried later to use again), ginger, orange slices and 53g (2oz) of the sugar, and reduce fairly slowly until just enough remains to cover the pears in a tall narrow cooking vessel.

Remove the hard core from the base of the pears with the sharp end of a potato peeler and, by carefully peeling, mould to a beautiful pear shape, leaving the stalk attached. Bring

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SHONA CRAWFORD POOLE

Fruitful formula

the wine back to the boil and add the pears, prunes and walnuts to the boiling wine mixture. Cover with a wetted disc of greaseproof paper to prevent discoloration.

Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until the pears are tender (about 18 to 20 minutes) but still keeping their shape. Remove the pears and walnuts and continue cooking the prunes until they are tender. Remove from the heat.

Replace the walnuts and pears in the liquor and, with the fruit still closely covered, leave the fruit to steep for 24 hours so that the flavours will mingle and the wine will colour the pears.

Remove the pears, walnuts and prunes from the liquid and reserve them. Stone the prunes

carefully. Reduce the wine to about 450ml (¾ pint) and strain it through a fine sieve. Discard the flavouring ingredients. Add the remaining sugar or lemon juice to the strained liquid to taste.

Peel the remaining orange and cut the flesh into segments. Slice the pears or leave them whole, and arrange all the fruit and nuts attractively in a glass bowl with some or all of the reduced liquid. Serve with almond biscuits or a walnut tart.

The warm first-course salads of restaurant fashion deserve a better fate than the instant death which justly awaits fads taken up beyond their worth.

In this warm pigeon salad with grapes, the pigeon meat is lightly cooked and served pink

and tender with an interesting, sesame-flavoured dressing.

But this is no time of the year to be fussy about salad greens. Buy what looks best - probably members of the chicory tribe.

Warm pigeon and grape salad
Serves 4

- Breast meat of 1 young pigeon
- 20 large white grapes
- 8 sprigs watercress
- 1 head chicory
- 1 small radicchio
- 1 lettuce or frizzy endive

For the dressing:
2 tablespoons olive oil
4 tablespoons sunflower oil
1 teaspoon tahini (sesame paste)
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste
½ teaspoon sugar (optional)

Skin the pigeon breasts and peel the grapes. Put a heavy pan on to heat while the salad greens are prepared. Warm four plates.

Separate the chicory into spears and put them in a bowl with the watercress sprigs, and the radicchio and some lettuce or endive torn into attractive and not-too-large pieces. Add the dressing.

Combine the dressing ingredients and mix well. Check the seasoning and add the dressing to the greenery. Toss lightly to coat each leaf with dressing then arrange the leaves on the four warmed plates.

Season the pigeon breasts with salt and pepper and stuff them briefly with a minimum of oil. When they are well browned on the outside and lightly cooked in the centre take them from the pan. Rest the meat for a minute or two before slicing it thinly on the diagonal. Divide the meat among the four dressed plates and top with the dressed grapes. Serve immediately.

For details of the programme of demonstrations contact: La Petite Cuisine, 505 Triumph House, 185 Regent Street, London W1R 7WE (01-437 4533).

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Professional ethnics

With only 74 days to closedown, Livingstone's fringe groups are getting rather greedy for GLC "Everything Must Go" grants...

Join the queue

The prospect of thousands of compulsory redundancies is not upsetting every GLC employee. Indeed, staff tired of their jobs in the Inner London Education Authority...

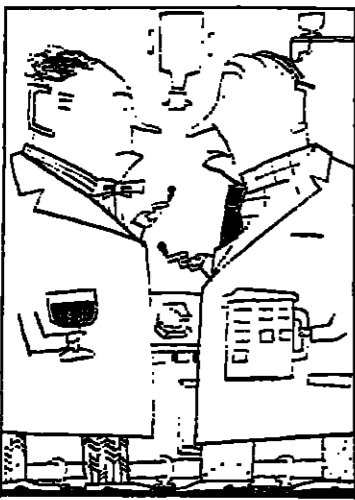
Wheeling dealing

Accompanying the gilt-edged invitations to Valentine's Day Ball at the Albert Hall is a card from St Christopher Motorists' Security Association...

Di discord

Dianne Abbott's nomination to fight Hackney North for Labour has not pleased everyone. At the meeting of Labour's organization committee on Monday, AUEW member Ken Cure asked pointedly...

BARRY FANTONI



I've advised Westland to accept Allied-Lippert's bid for the Sikky-Fat to take over Distillers

Building bridges

It's just as well that Wimpey does not build houses in Ireland after the statement it issued before the Wemyss-sponsored Ireland v England amateur boxing match at Coventry...

Kismet, Kate

Civil Service union politics become even weirder. A breakaway moderate faction in the CPSA is demanding that its general secretary, Alistair Graham, presses Mrs Thatcher belatedly to honour Bob Geldof...

PHS

The more I contemplate the new anti-nuclear movement called "Freeze", the odder it seems to me. It has been attacked as a "front" for CND...

But there is something much worse here. Look back through the text of Freeze's call. "Everyone agrees that the world would be a safer place with fewer nuclear weapons..."

Everyone agrees that the world would be a safer place with fewer nuclear weapons. But people have always disagreed over how we should try to achieve that. Now at least there is an approach to the problem that brings all reasonable people together...

Now there is a good deal to study in that statement (which is signed by, in addition to the four, I have named, such savants as Billy Connolly, Brian Clough, Anita Roddick, Denis Healey and John Le Carré)...

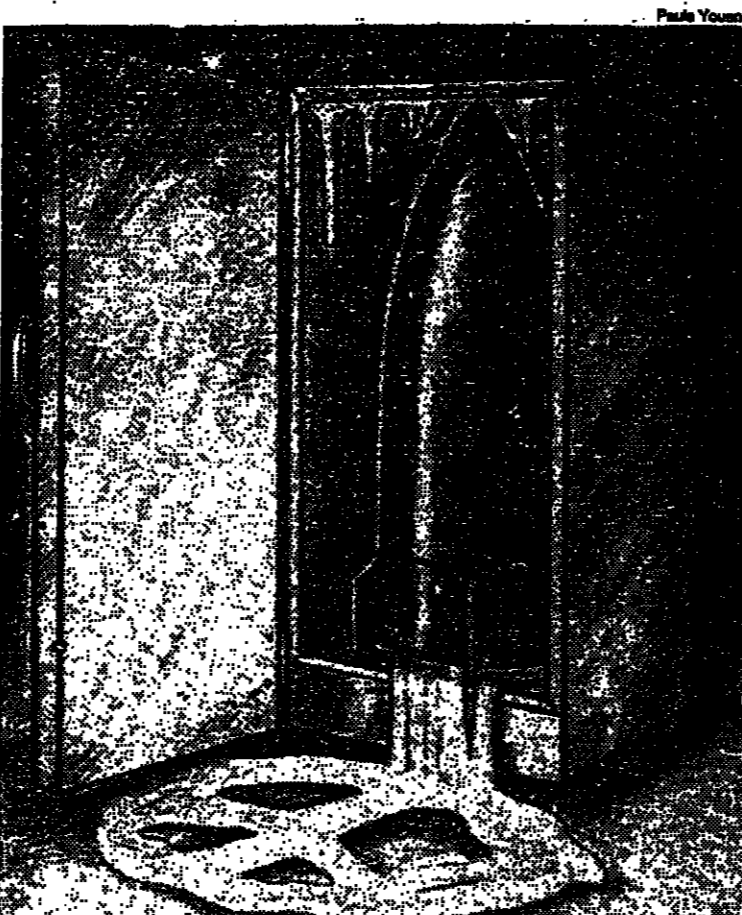
At the foot of the staircase hung a small picture of the Queen resplendent in turquoise evening gown; next to it a red, white and blue "Ulster says No" sticker...

The new unity has received an overwhelming welcome from loyalists who fondly remember the monolithic majority rule of Stormont's Unionist Party...

We take people's names and turn them into general words. It is a common process, going back to Adam and Eve, caesarian sections and martial arts. There is some evidence that the Prime Minister's name is undergoing eponymy...

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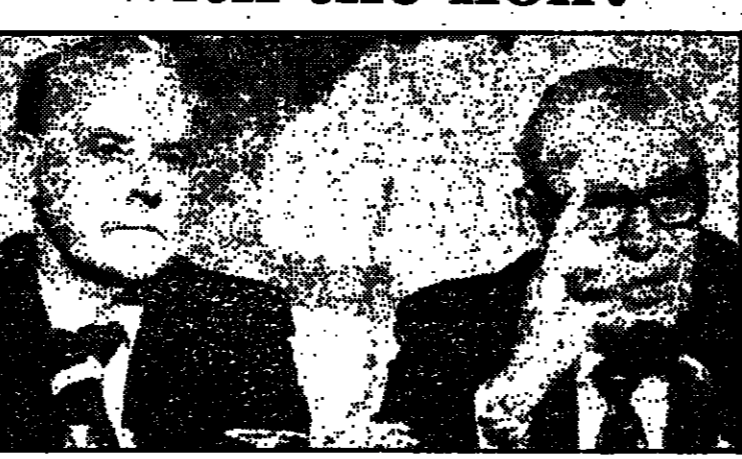
Bernard Levin: the way we live now If this is a freeze then I'm an Eskimo



because it is false (it is obviously true) but because it employs the device, characteristic of CND, of implying, without stating, something which is false. The main use of the technique by CND, to which I have repeatedly drawn attention, is the elision between their lurid but undeniable descriptions of what would happen to the earth if a total nuclear war were to take place...

Richard Ford on the improbable alliance between Ulster's rival unionists

How long will the lion lie down with the lion?



from the by-election results will reinforce their parliamentary campaign to oppose the Anglo-Irish agreement until the next general election. It has long been a favourite strategy of Powell that in the event of a hung Parliament the price of unionist support would be further concessions in the shape of scrapping the agreement with Dublin...

Slagging Maggie

New words for old, by Philip Howard. Those were days of brisk abuse, livelier than anything we can imagine today. The Times was registered at the Stamp Office in the names of two sisters of the proprietor, giving Cobbett an opening for male chauvinist abuse...

Freeze? Well, I do not conclude that Mr Jenkins is a mole for the Monks, but I do conclude that he has been displayed somewhat less than his usual shrewdness. (If Freeze really was to be taken seriously, and to convince the uncommitted that they are not pathfinding for CND, they could take one bold step which would close their credibility gap overnight...)

Well? There is something rather important missing in there, not? Where is the bit that makes clear whether Freeze, if agreement cannot be reached among the nuclear power advocates, unilateral halt by Britain, by the United States or by Nato, or whether, in the absence of such agreement, the Western powers would be absolved by Freeze if they continued to build, test and deploy?

The DUP also fears that exhortations to party members to withdraw from local governing bodies will have less moral authority if unionist MPs are in the Commons. Some senior OUP men, including Harold Mackler, the deputy leader, are telling members that the leadership must meet in private after the by-elections to explore every option, however unpalatable, including power-sharing or partnership with the mainly Roman Catholic SDLP...

With a decision on the fate of the Northern Ireland Assembly due within a matter of months, the government wants a new round of talks between all parties to discover whether there are any prospects for devolved government. Already both sides are laying down preconditions. Unionists are divided on the need to hold talks at all. Those in favour suggest they could begin only if the Anglo-Irish deal was already tottering or finished and if there was no prospect of SDLP involvement in talks on that basis...

Given that both unionist parties are always looking over their shoulders to detect any signs of weakness in the opposition to power sharing, it is highly unlikely they would relish such a prospect. The real worry is that unionist politicians may be approaching the summer months of marching and parades divided among themselves, leaving a dangerous vacuum. This could be exploited by loyalist paramilitaries, already deeply suspicious of the effectiveness of the unionist leadership, who would be prepared to act both within and outside the province.

When I do, I shall be by no means sparing in descriptions of their paunches and such other parts belonging to them that I may think worthy of description. In the war of words, Cobbett and the Chartists adopted The Times as an eponymously verb, meaning to calumniate in a libellous and lying manner, as in, "If you don't look out, I'll Times you."

Indeed, one cabinet paper showed how far they would go to get publicity for their views. Item: inserting an announcement in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, four groats, whereby it is clearly demonstrated that the Armorian bid is both sensible and profitable. To be headed: "Accept the Armorian bid. Offer Eke Now!" No doubt had been reached by 1066, which is why the English had no cavalry at Hastings and paid dear for it.

Peter Kellner Heseltine: the open record

Every day brings fresh evidence of the government's compulsion to hide the truth. And so far each disclosure has added to Michael Heseltine's credibility. But before he comes to be accepted as a faithful defender of all that is just and true, his own record deserves examination.

Flashback to February 1973. Heseltine is Minister for Aerospace. Rumours are circulating that the government has decided to abandon support for the hovercraft. On February 12 Heseltine tells MPs: "The question of the government's providing financial assistance for the continuation of this project is still under consideration."

Two days later, in evidence to the Commons select committee on science and technology, Heseltine says the government's decision to abandon the project had been taken on January 29. He refuses to admit that he had misled the Commons. On September 6 the select committee's report finds that Heseltine had made an "untrue" statement to MPs. Heseltine denies the charge and insists that he had been "open and frank" with Parliament.

Five weeks later Heseltine changes his mind. He makes a personal statement to MPs: "I apologise sincerely to the House for the misunderstanding which arose." We press the fast button and move to April 1983. Heseltine is now Secretary for Defence and a general election is in the offing. He sends a letter to Conservative MPs and candidates in marginal seats: its subject: CND.

The crux of Heseltine's argument is that "the clear majority of the elected members of the national council of CND... are of the left or extreme left." To support this statement he lists 14 members of the council and comments on their political affiliations. One of CND's two vice-chairmen is Roger Spiller, who, Heseltine says, is "associated with the International Socialists."

When CND's council discussed the invitation to Prague, the meeting was divided between those who thought it should not be represented at all and those who thought two observers should go on condition that they defied the Czech authorities and made contact with the dissident Charter 77 group. This decision was made and reported before Heseltine wrote his letter. The observers did go; they did meet; members of Charter 77, British television cameras were on hand to record the encounter.

moreover... Miles Kington At last, a shield for Harold. Now that 1986 is here and it is fully 920 years since the Battle of Hastings, the government has decided to release more sensitive cabinet papers dating from 1066. The recent de luxe publication of the Bayeux Tapestry, said a spokesman, "has caused us to reveal perhaps more than we would wish. This odious propaganda production by the Normans was designed to show the late King Harold's government in the worst possible light, and we want to stress how little truth there is in most of it. For instance, King Harold never ever swore an oath of allegiance to Duke William, or promised to back him for the succession to Edward the Confessor. At the very most, they had exploratory talks about a common defence pact."

Examination of the 1066 papers show things to have been a little more complicated than that. English defence forces were hampered by an inadequate supply of mounted soldiers, and the government was looking for foreign investment to create a new cavalry strike force. Harold, looking towards Brittany, favoured the Armorian bid for our cavalry industry, but the Earl of Westland, one Muckle Hazeltine, fought tooth and nail to get the French involved. The business of government ground to a complete halt while these two powerful men battled for their respective views.

But there was much more to life in 1066 than fighting, and other cabinet papers reveal facets of contemporary existence hitherto unsuspected. King Harold, it turns out, was much upset by the standard of the Royal Command Mummifying Performance. The 1065 offering had been a bawdy, knockabout piece called Saucy Confessions of Edward the Confessor, which Harold considered showed the Royal Family in a bad light. He suggests in a memo:



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THE BUDGET OPPORTUNITY

The library at Chevening, which hosts a first edition of Adam Smith's "The Wealth of Nations", has become the highly suitable location for Mrs Thatcher's Treasury ministers to make their Budgets over a January weekend. There have been years in which hardly a comma was changed after Chevening. Last weekend's preamble to the annual spring Budget, however, took place under clouds of uncertainty as to the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre.

Oil prices, exchange rates and interest rates could all change quite sufficiently, over the next couple of months, to make nonsense of January sums. The purposes of this Budget, however, are unusually plain.

The financial markets have suspected surreptitious deflation ever since the Chancellor's Autumn Statement (whose full consequences for public expenditure will be detailed in today's annual white paper). The markets are jumpy about oil, and concerned about the effects on British inflation and international competitiveness of fast-rising wage costs. These worries could only be increased when the Chancellor tossed aside a monetary target barely halfway through the financial year. Thus the first intention of Mr Nigel Lawson's third Budget must be to demonstrate his continuing commitment to budgetary prudence.

Even the Confederation of British Industry, which has been known to urge more deficit spending in the past, yesterday endorsed the Chancellor's strategic target, a limit on public sector borrowing in 1986-87 of £7.5 billion. Targets are one thing, achievements quite another; yet again, during 1985-86, the Chancellor has been obliged to recognize that his original forecast was optimistic, as falling oil prices eroded the Treasury's revenues. They have — as the Chancellor has also admitted — eroded the Chancellor's scope for cutting taxes within his pre-set limits for borrowing, perhaps

halving the figure of £3½ billion originally forecast for the coming financial year.

However large or small this scope is, it remains fairly clear how the Chancellor intends to use it. Income tax is again the focus of his intentions. This purpose is more controversial. The CBI, for one, wishes a package of employment-creating measures to take priority. There is no lobby for the interests of the ordinary taxpayer, so the Government's dogged determination to lower his or her income tax bill deserves support. Yet even the method of cutting income tax is a matter of controversy.

Mrs Thatcher's Government first took office firmly committed to cutting the basic rate of income tax to 25 per cent. The emphasis soon shifted to income tax thresholds — raising them in order to "take people out of tax" altogether. Recently, the notion of a lower basic tax rate seems to have caught the Government's fancy again — though enthusiasm has dwindled with the scope for tax cuts.

It takes over one billion pounds to trim the basic tax rate by a single percentage point; and there would be no great political appeal in lowering the basic tax rate to 29 per cent. But Mr Lawson can use this Budget to present income tax reform as a coherent strategy, aided by his promised green paper on the taxation of married couples. Its proposals, however, cannot possibly be enacted before the next general election.

The Chancellor's far more urgent need to demonstrate coherence is in his monetary policy which was once both the framework and the foundation of the Government's strategy to lower inflation and foster sustainable growth. Time was when a set of firm monetary targets were intended to influence expectations and wage bargains, and confirm government resolve and end discretionary tinkering with the economy.

Through all the vicissitudes of

its courageous attempt to stick to a declared strategy for years ahead, the Government has shown a commendable determination to pursue the battle against inflation. What is less commendable is its seeming inability to shift, as circumstances change, to a new monetary strategy. At present, it is still clinging to the trappings of the old, acting within them a charade: a pretence at targetry which is quite as discretionary and judgemental as anything that went before. In Mr Lawson's present policy, the money numbers are merely interesting indicators — in which, certainly, the authorities remain usefully alert, but which provide no certainty to the markets.

The recent rise in interest rates came not because the money targets were being overshot, because one has been exceeded and abandoned long since, while another gives no cause for immediate concern. It came in response to a whole bundle of fears in the money and currency markets, in which the Government felt obliged to acquiesce.

Time and again the Government has been obliged to shove an interest-rate wedge under the pound. The need to do so is increased by the markets' mystification about Government exchange rate policy. For Mrs Thatcher has remained strangely reluctant to pursue the logic of a policy which relies on a stable exchange rate for monetary control and inflation restraint, by entering the European Monetary System.

It is here that the Chancellor could find the framework, the strategic clarity, that his monetary policy now needs. Membership of the EMS is the natural successor to the medium-term financial strategy he himself helped to frame. The MTFS helped bring inflation down to the level at which Britain can contemplate membership of a wider, European, monetary framework. It is the great opportunity of Mr Lawson's third Budget.

M MITTERRAND'S SMALL HOPE

The French Socialist party, after more than four years in government, is defending its record with rather more verve and conviction than, even a few months ago, it seemed likely to be able to muster. With two months to go until the National Assembly election a series of recently published economic indicators attest to the Government's responsible and prudent management of the economy over the last three years — that is, since it realized the full extent of the damage done by the disastrously mistimed reflation of its first year in office.

M Pierre Bérégovoy, the Finance minister, loses no opportunity to proclaim his attachment to economic liberalism. His claim to be less *dirigiste* than the last non-socialist Prime Minister, M Raymond Barre, is somewhat specious, since price controls lifted by M Barre were reimposed early in the life of the socialist Government and have been only gradually and partially relaxed since. None the less, M Bérégovoy's good sense and moderation are widely appreciated in the business community, and last week he won a resounding ovation with a speech to a gathering of senior private sector executives, the "Forum de l'Expansion".

Opinion polls have revealed broad public support for many of the specific reforms that the Government has introduced — the fourth week of annual paid holidays for workers, the extension of trade union rights and worker participation in industry, improvements in old age pensions, regional devolution, even the abolition of the death penalty. In consequence, the opposition has had to back-pedal on many of its promises to root out socialism with all its works. The main exception is nationalization, which remains unpopular and which fits ill with the "modern" decentralizing version of socialism now in vogue. Here the opposition parties are still committed, on paper at least, to undo not only what was done in 1981 but even some of what was done under de Gaulle in 1945.

The business community is split. In principle it supports the right and looks forward to a relaxation of all controls. Yet many of its members also fear the economic effects of what the left has dubbed "le libéralisme sauvage", and above all the political instability to be expected from a right wing attempt to impose policies which President Mitterrand, still in the Elysee, may consider it his duty to block.

Of the businessmen polled by *L'Expansion* about their choice for prime minister after the expected right wing victory, 42 per cent plumped for M Jacques Chaban-Delmas — veteran Gaullist but a seasoned advocate of political compromise and social reform. Only 26 per cent chose M Chirac, the Gaullist party leader. Apart from the ideological and temperamental differences between the two men, the choice of M Chaban-Delmas implies willingness to leave the political initiative in the hands of the President rather than in those of the putatively victorious parliamentary parties.

What is strange is that the Socialist party, although defending its record with verve, has no real hope of winning, or at least is unable to define what "victory" would mean. A renewed overall majority is certainly beyond its reach, especially with the proportional system which it has introduced. But a socialist-led coalition is hardly less unlikely, since the Communists have become the government's bitterest enemies, and there is no centre to speak of. The only "victory" the socialists can hope for is what we would call a hung parliament, in which neither left nor right could obtain a majority to implement its programmes. It seems a sadly negative ambition.

Sleepers awake

From Mr J. C. Greig
Sir, Professor Ian Fells (December 28) may have slept badly on British Rail's new sleeping cars, but he is wrong in attributing this to the fact that the beds lie across the motion of travel. They always have.
Thirty years ago I travelled frequently by sleeping car from London to Glasgow and slept like a top, six months ago I travelled in one of the new sleeping cars to Inverness and slept very badly. The difference is the thirty years, not the sleeping cars.
Yours faithfully,
J. C. GREIG,
Vv Dene,
Over Haddon,
Lakewell,
Derbyshire.

Living dangerously

From Mr John Marland
Sir, Christopher Lever (January 1) rightly draws attention to the dangers of introducing alien animals into areas outside their natural range. There are many examples of this other than that of predatory exotic shrews — grey squirrels, cyprip, mink, etc. in England; rabbits in Australia; cats and rats on innumerable lands — the list is very long; but that of that most insidious and destructive animal, the human?
There are many examples, worldwide, of the havoc which can be wrought by the invasion — not

necessarily warlike — of alien humans — for instance, virtual obliteration of the natives in all the countries of North and South America, Aborigines in Australia, Caribs in the Caribbean, etc. etc.

Should we not be at least as concerned about alien human takeovers as we appear to be about those carried out by fish?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARLAND,
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Peterborough,
Cambridgeshire,
January 11.

Industry Year

From Mr A. D. W. Leaver
Sir, In Mr Redwood's article concerning Industry Year (January 8), he exhorts us to "beware the industrialist who always believes his plight is the product of external forces, and never the result of his own decisions".

A similar warning might with advantage be given to senior Government ministers and their advisers. If wealth creation indeed applies equally well to service industries as to the manufacturing sector, and if we are to be more biased towards buying British goods, we should be investing far more to arrest the decline of our housing stock and other elements of the infrastructure.

The UK construction industry surely uses predominantly home-produced materials and indigenous labour.
Yours faithfully,
A. D. W. LEAVER,
52 Pear Tree Lane,
Loose,
Maidstone, Kent.

Mental health

From Dr Robert J. Doig
Sir, Judge Alistair Bell today (January 7) gives a lucid account of present practice in the use of assessment orders (section 2 of the 1983 Mental Health Act). It is indeed too limited and we watch aghast as people deteriorate through lack of treatment. But the alternative, to act earlier, is also alarming. Who could feel safe from doctors?
A suggestion occurs to me: a person who has the misfortune to suffer recurrent bouts of schizophrenia, with disastrous lack of insight, might perhaps make special arrangements.

Rather like the new rules coming out on trusteeship he could agree on three people he trusted. When ill, in circumstances laid down in advance by the sufferer, these three could insist on treatment. Legislation on such lines might be of considerable help.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT J. DOIG,
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January 7.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plea for stability at Defence

From Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach

Sir, Another two years have passed and with them another Secretary of State for Defence. Must we really stumble on like this?
In 1981, having just acquired a good grasp of the subject, Mr Francis Pym was moved on. In 1983, having crudely unbalanced the Services and wrought havoc with the defence budget, Sir John Nott left for the City.

Now, as we enter 1986, Mr Michael Heseltine, having turned the war-proved organisation upside down and for whatever specious reason, pokes off, too.
Defence, synonymous with the security of our great country. It is a complex business which deserves more responsible treatment than to be merely a political football. It is unreasonable to expect that any new Defence Secretary will know much about the job; it is equally unreasonable that he should be allowed to change at two-year intervals just as he has acquired proficiency.

Mr George Younger deserves our best wishes in the considerable task before him. He also deserves our fervent hopes that his successes (and sins) will be visited on himself and not on his successor.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY LEACH,
Winston Lodge,
Winston,
Winchester,
Hampshire.

Westland's future

From Mr Douglas Jay

Sir, The French Minister of Defence is reported to have repeated publicly on January 7 threats that the Westland Co is likely to be excluded from some European collaboration projects if it pursues its favoured partnership with Sikorsky. But while the French Government utters these threats, it is simultaneously "considering seriously" (see *Financial Times*, December 16, 1985) a partnership between the French air-engine firm, Snecma, and General Electric of the US in the development of the new French combat aircraft, Scelta, and the US General Electric have indeed long co-operated on civil aero-engines.

Why is partnership between Westland and Sikorsky so illicit and that between Snecma and General Electric perfectly reasonable?

Yours truly,
DOUGLAS JAY,
Caulsey Cottage,
Minster Lovell,
Oxfordshire,
January 8.

Guns at Heathrow

From Mr Philip Charles

Sir, As a businessman who regularly flies through Heathrow airport, I am writing to voice my concern over the deployment of policemen armed with sub-machine guns at the airport terminal.

I find it ironic that this information is carried in an edition of *The Times* (January 9) which has as a front-page article the news that a police officer is to go on trial charged with the manslaughter of a five-year-old boy in a raid by armed police.

I feel that in the past few years the police have continually demonstrated too low a level of competence in the use of firearms in "live" situations for this deployment to be a prudent move.

Even ignoring the possibility of accidents with these weapons, in which no terrorists are involved, I feel that the likelihood of injury to passengers in the event of a terrorist attack would be increased by fire fights between terrorists and policemen protected by body armour firing sub-machine guns.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP CHARLES,
49 Belmont Avenue,
Aberdeen,
January 9.

From Mr Martyn John

Sir, Consider the following incidents:
1. A car driver is seriously injured after being repeatedly shot by armed police who have mistaken his identity.
2. A woman is accidentally shot in the back during a police raid on her home.
3. A young child is shot dead whilst hiding under his bed as the police search for his father.

I appreciate Airport Police Commander Patrick Carson's assurance that his sub-machine gun force will not be "spraying bullets" (report, January 10). However, in view of the above incidents I find it easier to agree with his further comments concerning the danger to innocent parties being caught in crossfire.

I wonder if I should be alone in deciding to confine my holidays to my homeland this summer?
Yours faithfully,
MARTYN JOHN,
49 Westgate Chambers,
Commercial Street,
Newport,
Gwent,
January 9.

Winged chariot

From Mr David Mann

Sir, The reason why the years go quicker (Mr Groves, January 11) is that each succeeding year is a smaller proportion of one's life to date.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MANN,
Ashdown,
Four Acres,
Cobham,
Surrey,
January 11.

Predicament over art and design cuts

From Mr Christopher J. E. Ball

Sir, In recent weeks, you have published a number of letters concerning the National Advisory Body's treatment of art and design education. The main issues have been our decision to separate art from design in our designation of programme areas and the initial planning assumption for 1987/88 that a 20 per cent reduction in art education provision will be necessary. I would be grateful if you would allow me to respond.

We have to work within the resources provided by the Government and the resource outlook has indeed worsened since the initial planning assumptions were formulated. Our latest calculation is that in 1987/88 we will be over £40 million, or about 5.5 per cent, short of the resources required for level funding.

Put in very simple terms, expenditure per student in our sector of higher education has fallen by about a quarter over the last four years, and we cannot continue to reduce it without putting the quality of the colleges' work seriously in jeopardy. Inevitably, therefore, a further cut of over 5 per cent must have serious consequences for student access: it could lead to more than 16,000 places being cut and between 600 and 900 courses in polytechnics and colleges having to close.

The responsibility for providing the additional funding that will prevent this calamity lies with the Government. Meanwhile, we must make contingency arrangements to ensure that, if no extra funding is provided, the reduction in provision is brought about with minimum damage.

In our view it is not sensible to seek to spread the cuts evenly across

all areas of work, and the Secretary of State for Education and Science has asked us in particular to sustain vocational provision (in his own words, "even in the event that this entails reductions elsewhere"). If some subject areas are protected from cuts, it follows that others must suffer a greater than average reduction. In our previous planning exercise, art and design education (together with a number of other areas) was not accorded protected treatment.

Now, however, we are seeking to protect design education. This, together with the clear evidence that art education and design education have different resourcing needs, is the reason for the separation of the two subject areas. However, we fully understand the need for an integrated planning approach to art and design education. That is why we have a single working group, which will continue to study closely the interrelationships between the two subjects and to plan them together.

I can understand the feelings of those who, in these difficult circumstances, no longer feel able to serve on our Art and Design Group. However, I respect and admire far more the courage and dedication of those, no less concerned about the future, who carry out their duty to their subject by staying, by continuing to put the case strongly for education in both art and design, and by seeking to ensure that the provision, including those cuts that may have to come, is planned in the most effective manner.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BALL,
Chairman of the Board,
National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education,
Metropolis House,
22 Percy Street, W1,
January 8.

Youth training

From the Chairman of the British Youth Council

Sir, Your leader (January 10) on youth community service was interesting, but it failed to tackle the basic problems in the SDP's proposals for the subject.

Many young people are already involved in voluntary activities in their communities, something which we would actively support. But to link such involvement to a scheme which, despite the disclaimers, would be seen as a substitute for real work won't solve problems of youth unemployment.

You refer to opinion poll results, which could seem to be interpreted as showing young people supporting such schemes. But young people have been far more vehement in their support for training which leads to real jobs. And, in the light of recent horrifying child-abuse cases, the notion that unskilled volunteers could substitute for professionals in caring for those in need is equally disturbing.

It is true young people do want to be involved in such care in the community provided they are enabled to become well-trained professionals. The lesson from recent cases is that better training is needed for such caring work, not none.

But in this and other schemes you are right to identify an old-style

paternalism. It is an attitude which produces schemes without consultation with young people and their representatives first. Such schemes are unlikely to offer any hope to Britain's 1.4 million young people out of work.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM RYAN, Chairman,
British Youth Council,
57 Chalton Street, NW1,
January 10.

Risks of bottle banks

From the Director of the Glass Manufacturers Federation

Sir, The Glass Manufacturers Federation, which initiated bottle banks for glass recycling, shares Mrs Wyatt's concern (January 7) when some bottle bank sites become unsightly due to litter. We would say, however, that the majority of bottle banks in the country are well looked after, and to this end we put notices on them reminding users to take home empty boxes.

Inevitably when council and industry staff are on holiday some bottle banks overflow. If a problem does arise, a telephone call to the local council offices is usually the best way to ensure it is cleared up.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER NORMANDEALE,
Director,
Glass Manufacturers Federation,
19 Portland Place, W1,
January 8.

Police and public

From the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

Sir, Mr James Rusbridger (January 7) quotes Home Office Research Study no. 77, of February, 1984, selectively, saying that "fewer than one in 10 members of the public, who feel aggrieved by some police action, actually bother to make a formal complaint". What this is the drift of the chief findings. Mr Rusbridger fails to draw attention to the researchers' caveat about the difficulties of defining what was an "official" complaint.

The research study reports that 38 per cent (of a sample of 455) thought that making an "official complaint" would be of no use. Though still a cause for concern, it was hardly a majority opinion. The fieldwork for the study quoted was conducted in 1981.

Three years ago my wife was teaching a GirlRath among a class of eight-year-olds in Basingstoke, whilst as rector of a neighbouring village I had among my charge a Vashni and a Hepzibah, a Noah and a brace of Rubens. Even here in Bournemouth I have baptised a Kimberley and an Aaron within the last two years. So maybe we will witness a revival of those whose passing your correspondent mourns.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. CANNHAM,
St Luke's Vicarage,
31 Lonsdale Road,
Bournemouth,
Dorset,
January 3.

Musical quiz

From Mr Patrick Maddams

Sir, I have today (report, January 7) read with considerable interest the prospectus for Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful company.

While many people, including myself, enjoy his music I fear that the flotation of the company is a retrograde step since it confuses commerce and creativity. The proceeds of commerce may belong to investors, but surely the proceeds of creativity belong to that Creator on which we all ultimately depend.

Mozart and many other composers have been wise enough to acknowledge the source of their inspiration, though I am unable to find any similar reference in the prospectus. This is a shame and the investors must now be hoping (dare I say, praying) that a reincarnation of Mozart has not taken place. One can imagine that Mozart, Unfinished, backed by the Almighty, would have clear advantages over a "limited

company whose assets are in feline shape.
Can Mr Webber's company take out insurance to cover such an eventuality?
Yours sincerely,
PATRICK MADDAMS (Musical Director, The Amadeus Choir),
49 Main Street,
Haworth,
West Yorkshire,
January 7.

Born to blush unseen

From the Reverend W. A. Canham

Sir, Whilst I cannot claim to be acquainted with a Kerenshappuch or indeed any of the names on his selected lists, please assure my colleague John Fiechurst (January 3) that all is not entirely lost.

Three years ago my wife was teaching a GirlRath among a class of eight-year-olds in Basingstoke, whilst as rector of a neighbouring village I had among my charge a Vashni and a Hepzibah, a Noah and a brace of Rubens. Even here in Bournemouth I have baptised a Kimberley and an Aaron within the last two years. So maybe we will witness a revival of those whose passing your correspondent mourns.

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W. A. CANNHAM,
St Luke's Vicarage,
31 Lonsdale Road,
Bournemouth,
Dorset,
January 3.

Cold comfort

From Mr A. G. French

Sir, Acting on advice gleaned from your correspondence columns, I borrowed my wife's banker's card to remove ice from the windscreen of our car.
A day or two later she wrote a cheque in a London store, and produced her card as proof of identity, only to find that frost had also efficiently removed her signature, and left in its place repetition of the word "VOID".
A veritable case of caveat emptor.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. FRENCH,
Mill Mead,
Akrington,
Nr Leiston,
Suffolk,
January 12.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 15 1906

The Prince and Princess of Wales, later George V (1865-1936) and Queen Mary (1867-1953) landed in Bombay in November, 1905. In the course of the following 18 weeks they travelled nearly 10,000 miles throughout India and Burma. Our Special Correspondent was Valentine Chirol.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN BURMA.

RECEPTION AT RANGOON. (FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

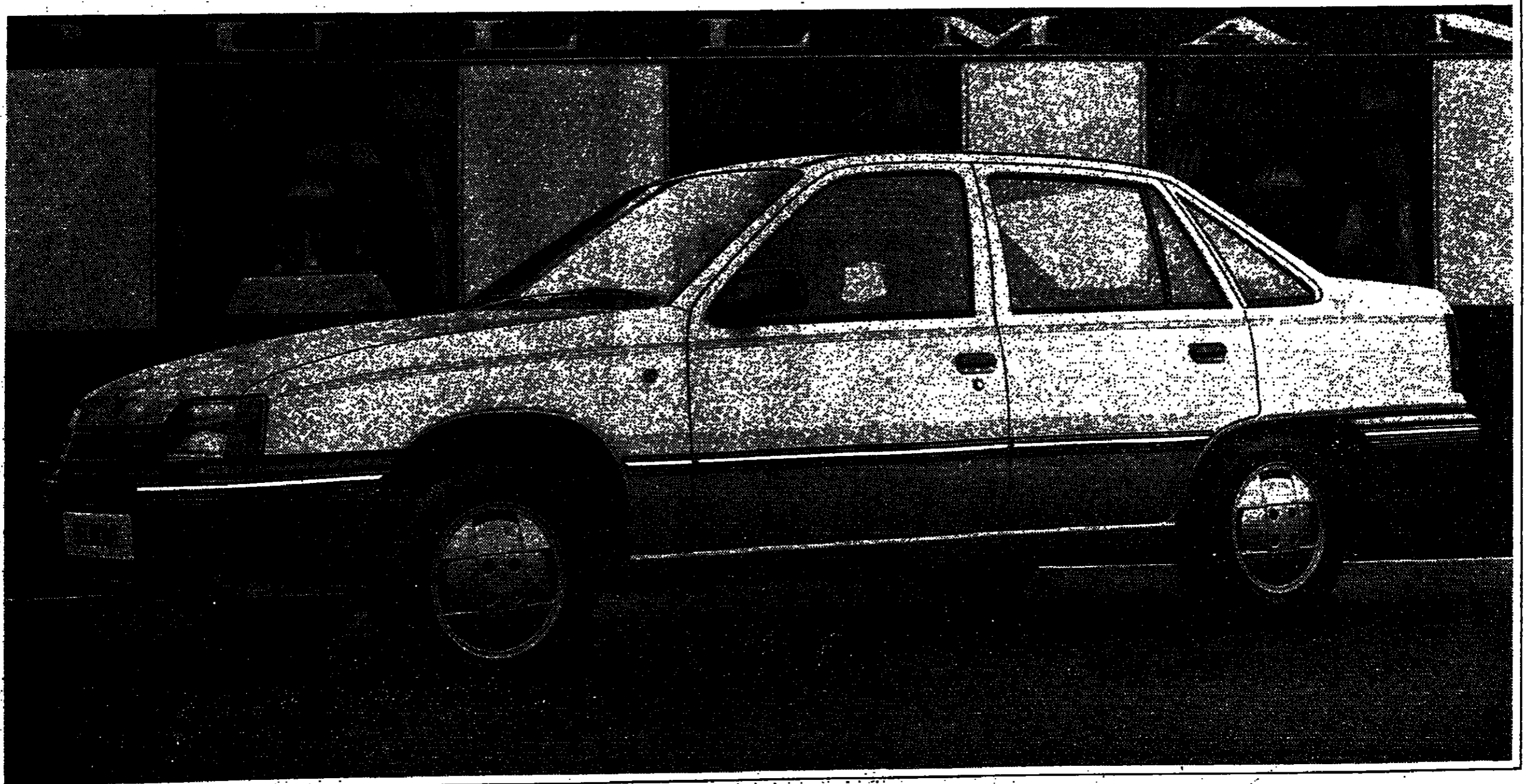
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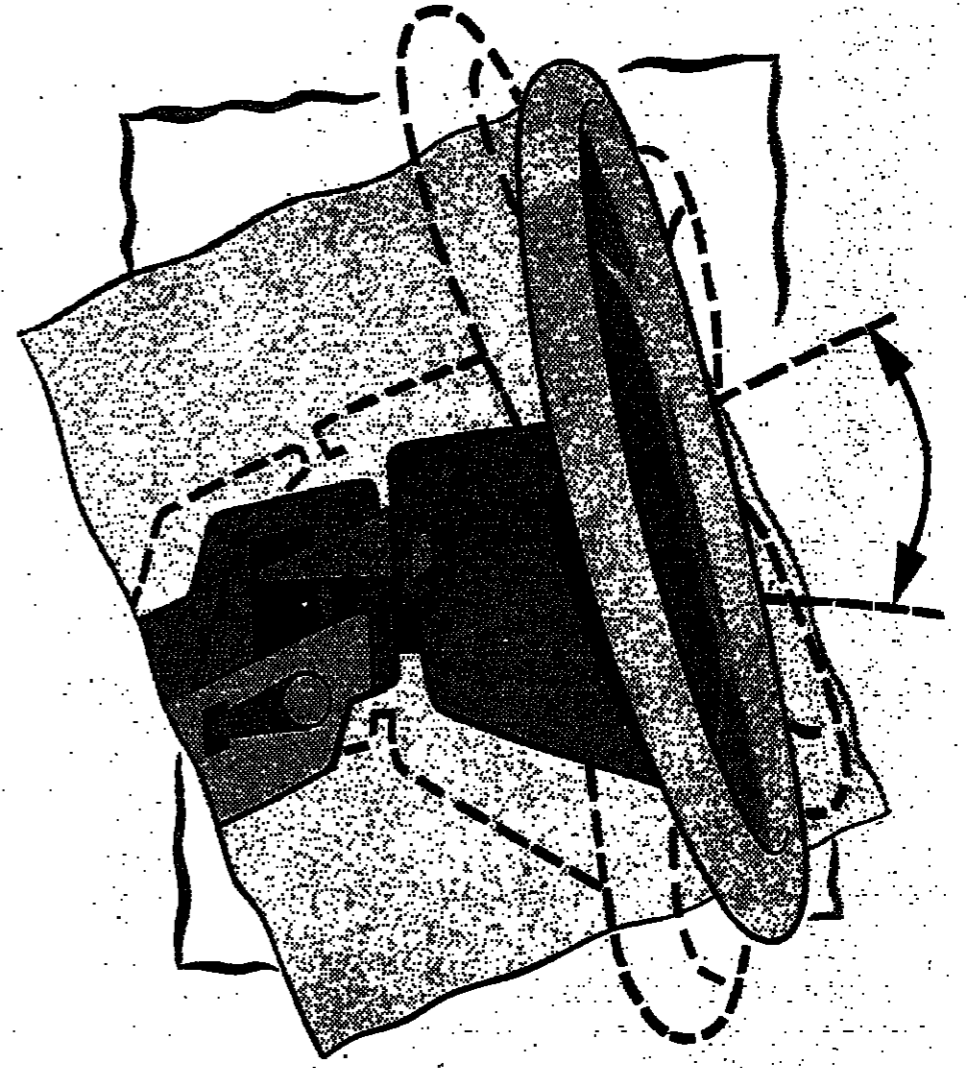
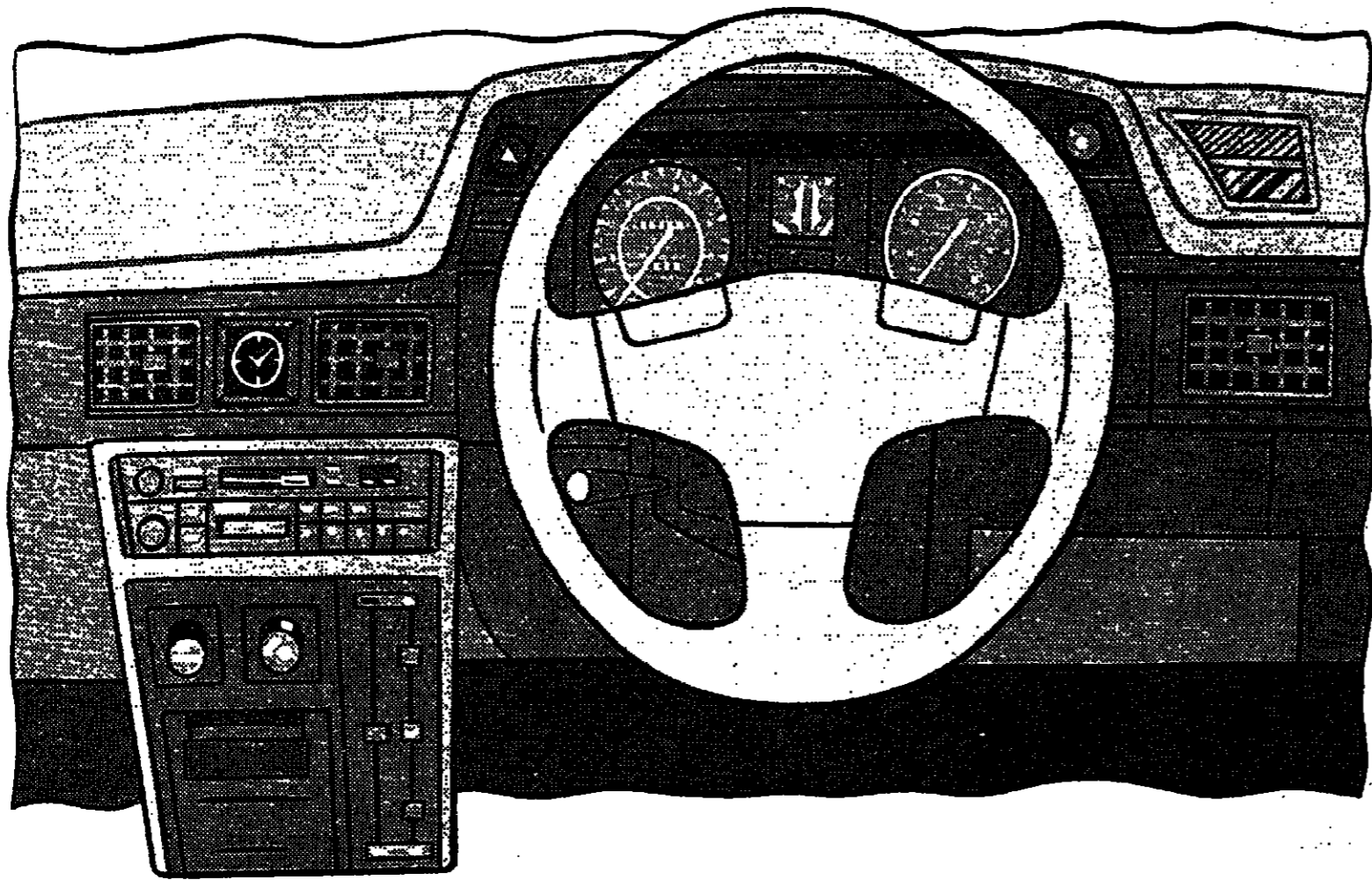
In this modern city where Europeans and Burmese, Hindus and Chinese jostle one another in a kaleidoscopic confusion of types and races, where the Burmese population has in fact been completely outnumbered by immigrants from Southern India and Bengal, where the ubiquitous Chinaman asserts his superiority as a trader scarcely less insistently than the European his superiority as a ruler of men, where each nationality has imported its own pursuits, its own amusements, and even its own style of architecture, where the crowded streets are already in process of electrification, and where Western civilization seems to constitute the only common denominator of all these incongruous fractions of mankind, as distinct in feature and colour and costume as in habits and traditions and ideals, it is difficult at first sight to tell what is the really preponderant element. But there is one monument essentially Burmese that still dominates Rangoon, that still embodies the soul of a nation. Raised on a solitary mound, partly natural and partly artificial, which has been shaped into two rectangular terraces rising almost one above the other, the Shwe Dagon pagoda, like a huge golden ball tapering away into a shaft of gold, soars up into the blue sky to a height of some 370ft. or nearly as high as St Paul's — the highest and noblest shrine of a creed which still commands the allegiance of a larger proportion of the human race than any other, and, according to Buddhist traditions, the most ancient of all its shrines. For its foundations were laid, they assert, even before the dawn of time, on a site sacred throughout the ages, where the relics of the three Buddhas who preceded his manifestation. In its present shape it is known to have existed for the last three and a half centuries, and not only from all parts of Burma, but from China and Japan as well as from Siam and Ceylon, it is the goal of countless pilgrims who come to lay their offerings at the threshold of its holy of holies. Come whatever changes may, the Shwe Dagon will still for centuries be the one great landmark of the Burmese delta, the one supreme expression of the genius of the Burmese people.

We at home are so accustomed to the all-pervading influence of the *euig weibliche* in our midst that we hardly realize its gracious significance until we come to an Eastern country where it is as best embodied from the open air, and even in an Eastern country there are so many other things almost equally strange to us that we are apt to miss the full import of this particular phenomenon until we pass into another Eastern country, equally full of uncounted signs and wonders, but where we find ourselves, as if restored to the benign presence of the "eternal feminine." And for feminine grace and charm, alertness of mind and sweetness of temper, the Burmese woman holds a remarkably high place. That she is an essentially womanly woman can be gathered at once from her delicate features, her graceful, her rippling laugh, and the exquisite sense of colour and finished neatness shown in every detail of her dress. But she is much more than a mere butterfly to gladden the eye. She is not only a wife and thrifty housewife, but she often develops under certain conditions into a real business woman. Nowhere in India, except amongst the Parsees and the Christian communities of Cochin in Southern India, is the standard of female literacy so high as in Burma, and this is doubtless entirely due to the absence of all prejudices in favour of the seclusion of women. The Burmese woman is, in fact, everywhere an evidence in the market place, in shops and counting-houses, in the Buddhist temple and in her own home, in every social and religious function of Burmese life, modest and self-possessed, mindful alike of the privileges and of the responsibilities of her sex.

So startling is the contrast in this respect with India that the Burmese woman is apt to make one overlook the Burmese man. Yet the absence in Burma of that rigid system of caste which exercises a numbing influence upon Indian society is almost as noteworthy as the absence of the restrictions which have cramped the activities of the women of India. Merry and easygoing, the Burmese man is perhaps, if anything, a spillover child of nature, which has lavished its fruits upon him in return for a minimum of toil. As a husbandman he exhibits both imagination and execution, whether in the carving of wood and of ivory, or in the working of gold and silver, or in the weaving of delicate silk tissues. As a householder he is not unskilled, though very conservative in his content for the most part to rely on the unaided munificence of his favoured soil. But he possesses neither the methodical intelligence of the European, nor the muscular endurance of the Tamil, nor the plodding tenacity of the Chinaman. He revels in bright clothes and long-drawn holidays...

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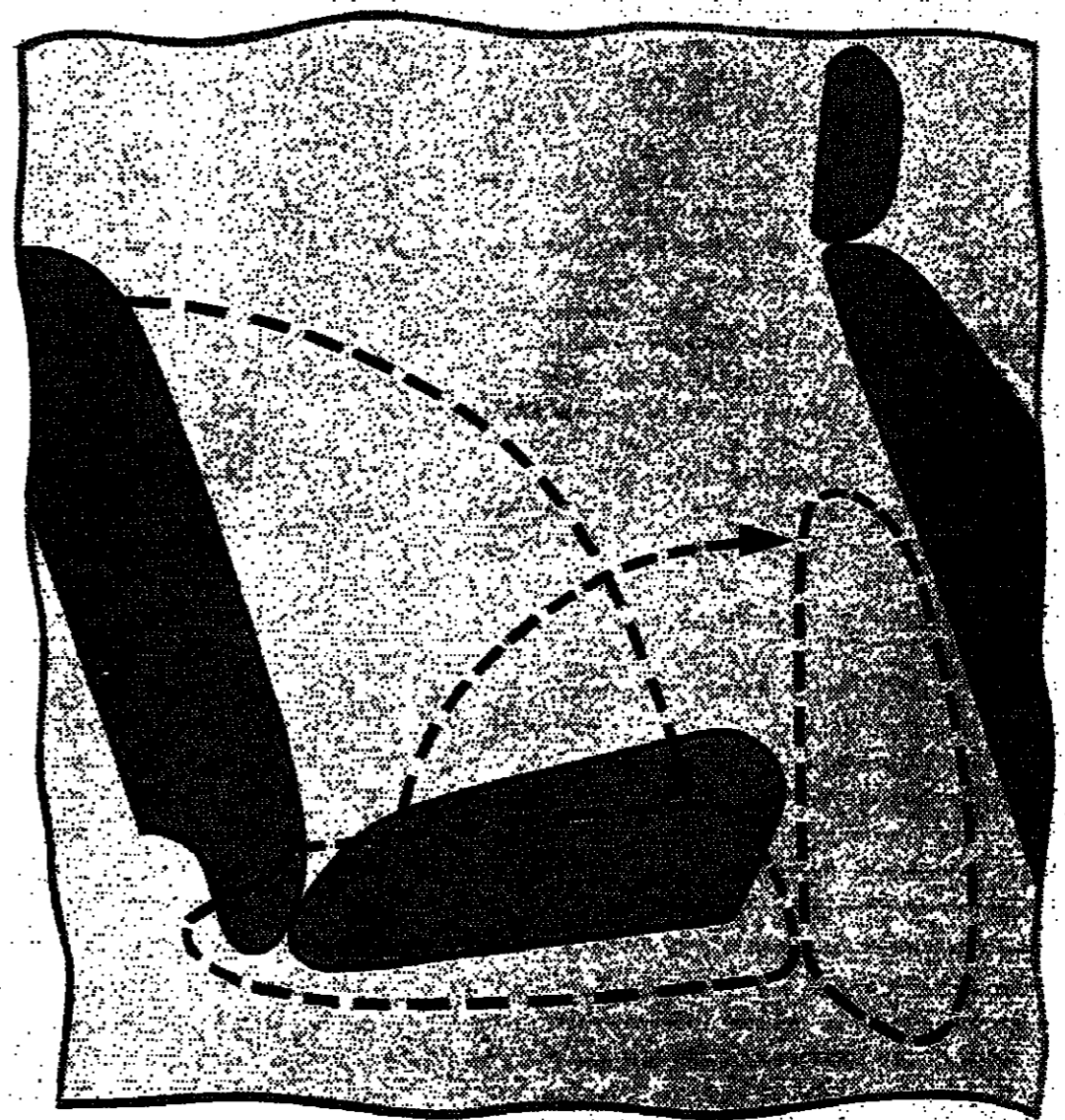
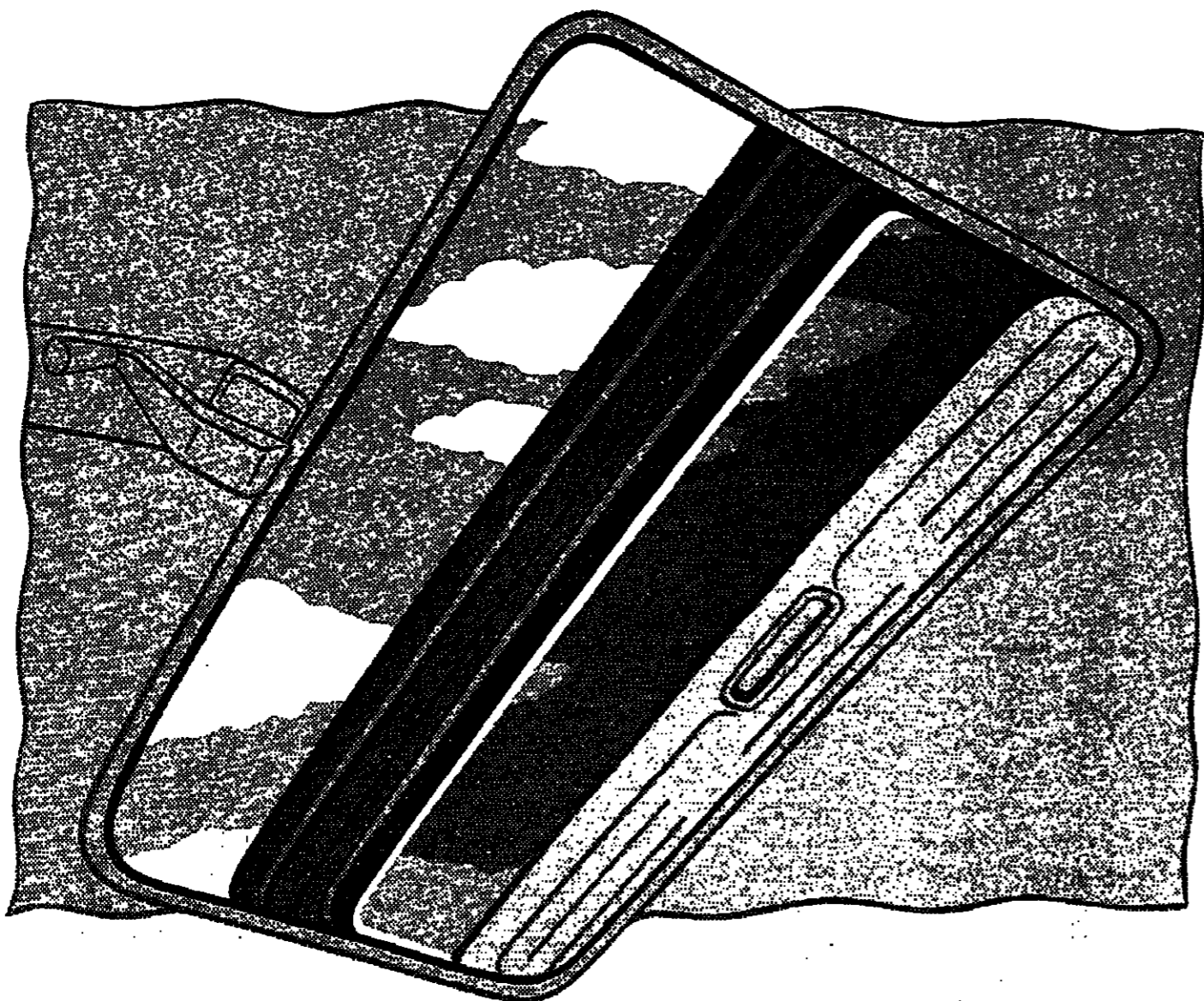
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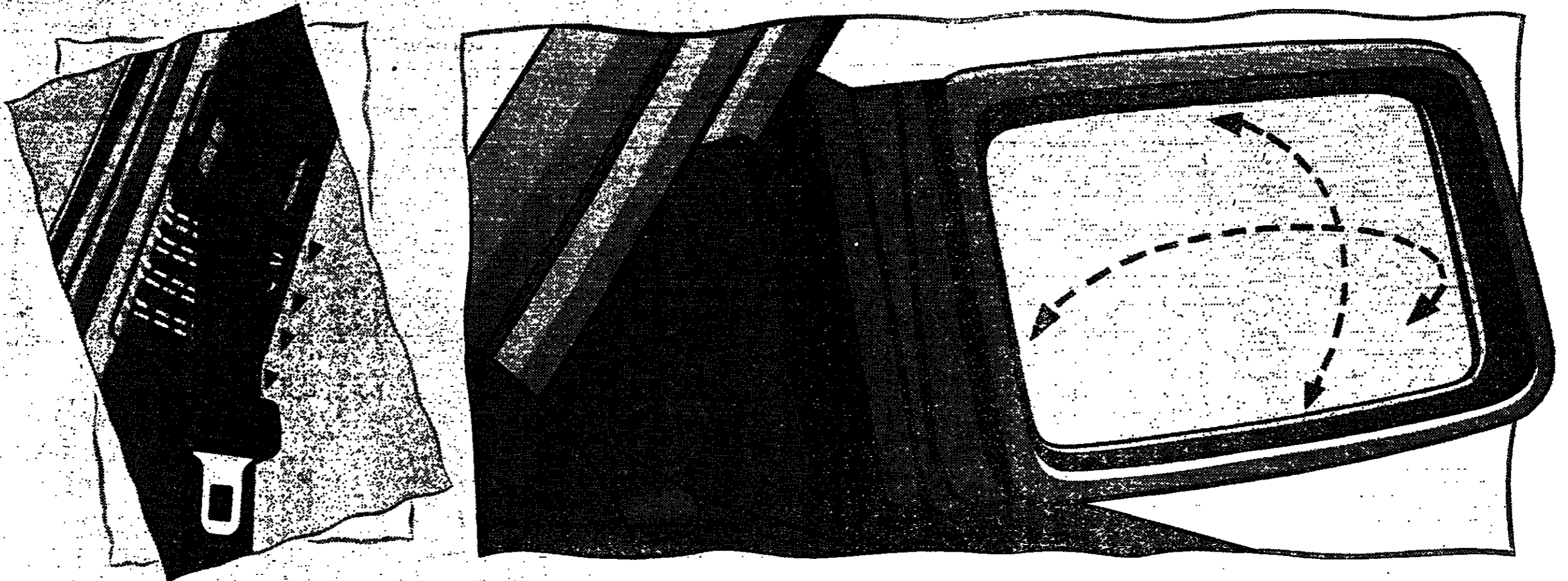
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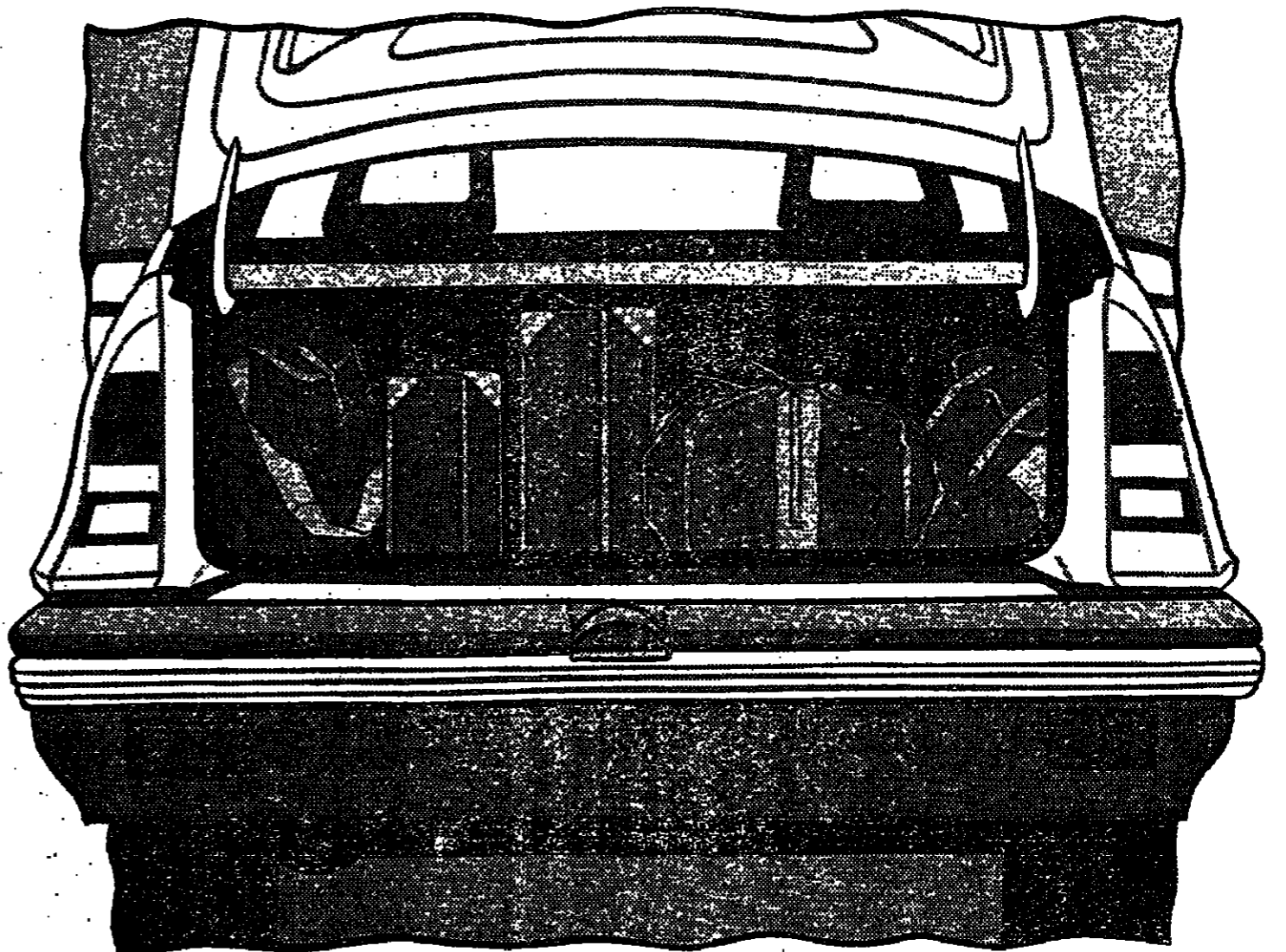
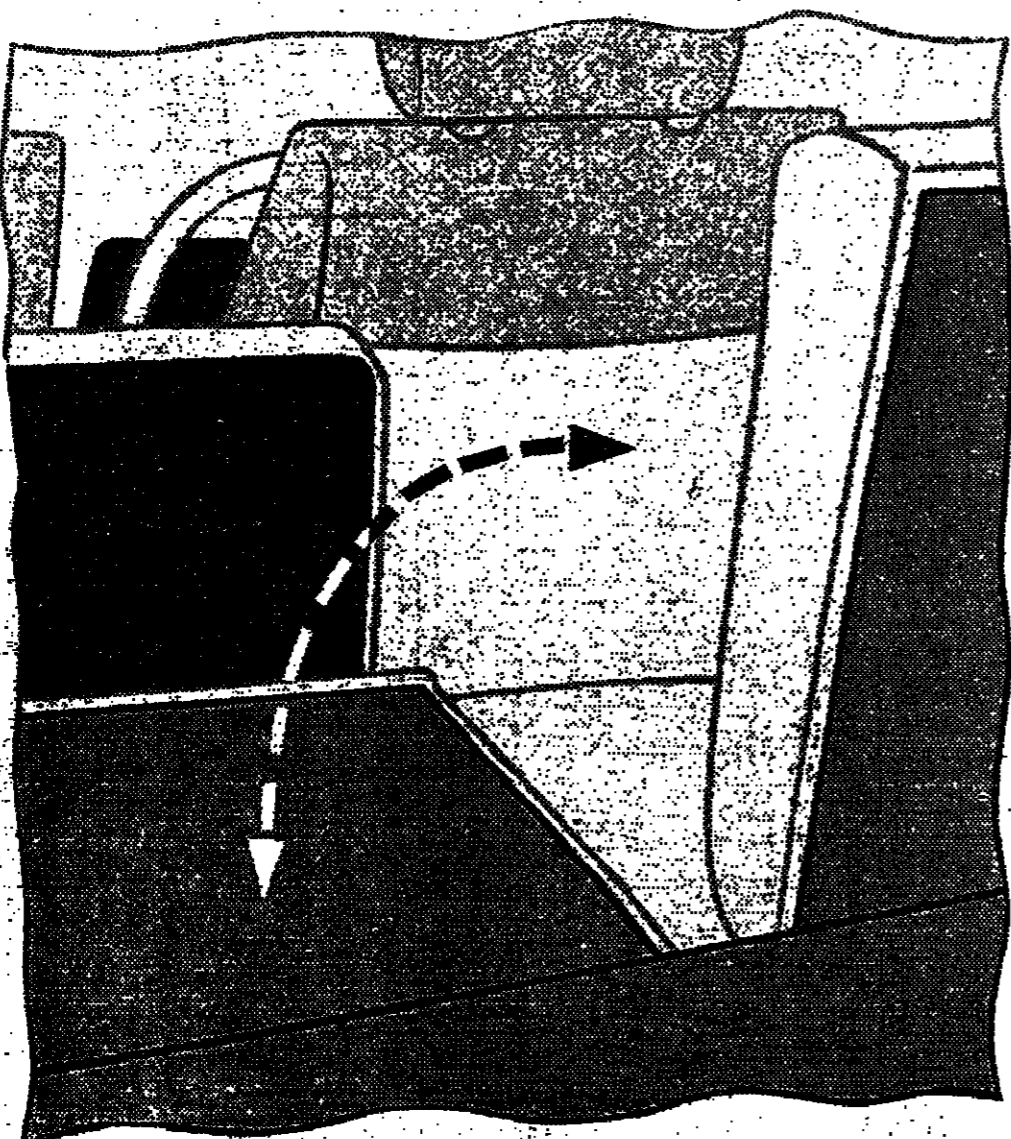
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		INDUSTRIALS S-Z					
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Bank takes unusual steps to block runaway rates

The Bank of England yesterday made possibly its strongest statement so far in a bid to calm the City's jangled nerves. In the topsy-turvy world of the gilt-edged market, traders immediately began checking local weather reports.

This unusual behaviour took place during a trading session of high turbulence. The market opened against a backdrop of soaring money market rates. In early morning trading, the three months interbank rates edged over 13 per cent. Later it shot to nearly 14 per cent. Conscious that these money rates pointed towards an imminent 1½ point rise in the bank base, the jobbers had gits down in a flash. The longs were marked down by about ½ point. By mid-morning they were 1¼ points down, and heading rapidly south.

Then came the Bank of England, edict, or rather series of edicts. First, the Bank stated that it did not consider a base rate rise from the current level of 12½ per cent to be appropriate. Next, it offered temporary facilities to the banking system of 1 per cent of eligible liabilities, amounting to a little over £1 billion. Not only did the Bank add to the general liquidity of the system, it did so at a fixed rate of interest of 12½ per cent for three months, the duration of the facility.

Quoting the rate the facility would cost is rare, if not unprecedented, for the time being the Bank is putting its money where its mouth is. Should the three month interbank rate continue to rise above 12½ per cent, then the Bank and ultimately the taxpayer, must foot the bill for the mismatch of rates.

The facility is clearly intended to put something of a floor to the current UK rate structure. It also adds to the liquidity in the British banking system, a feature of current trends against which the Bank inveighed in the latest quarterly bulletin.

To give home the message that British rates will not rise, the Bank sidestepped the fact that money markets were flat by dealing forward in the bill markets. The Bank invited offers of bills from the discount houses to take out shortages scheduled to arise tomorrow and Friday; the effect is to underwrite existing intervention rates.

This left the discount houses free to snap up any bills they could buy at higher yields, thereby netting a neat profit as they sold them on to the Bank.

The thrust of the Bank's actions was felt in the market at once. Three month interbank rate fell back very quickly to 13 per cent. The gilt market also rallied a point, after a final galvanic sell-off towards the end of the morning.

But will the Bank's measures prove adequate? Will market forces prevail over the next few days or weeks, obliging the authorities yet again to allow interest rates to rise?

This is where the traders' concern about the weather features. So far this winter has been exceptionally mild, and the element weather in turn has contributed to the softness of oil prices. Yesterday, spot Brent crude fell a further 70 cents a barrel. The general consensus of opinion within the market is that a combination of weakening oil prices and a deepening UK money lake will be enough to push sterling lower and hence rates higher. The forecast is that warm weather means 13 per cent base rates.

Nomura profits from yen's new role

The pressure from the United States and Europe for the yen to be allowed to play a bigger international role is music to the ears of the big Japanese securities groups.

Nomura, by some distance the biggest, has disclosed, for the first time, income directly attributable to overseas-related business.

It accounted for 20 per cent of its 1985 revenue of more than £2 billion. Nomura's consolidated results for 1985, announced yesterday, are even more impressive than the earlier non-consolidated figures. Pretax profit is up 52 per cent to 250 billion yen (£350 million) and net income on the American definition is up a similar percentage to £380 million.

Buoyant domestic equity and bond markets helped it sail past the previous 1984 record. But the group notes that the year "is best characterized by our efforts to internationalize operations".

By any standards, Nomura is big enough to be a powerful competitor in markets around the world. For comparison,

Merrill Lynch garnered revenue of £3.5 billion but net income of only £112 million in the first nine months of last year. Nomura's net worth is £2.2 billion compared with £1.4 billion for the troubled Merrill at the end of 1984. And Nomura earns almost half its income from commissions, a useful shock-absorber.

Just how far Nomura and the second rank Japanese houses will be welcomed in London's big bang remains problematical. Nomura has wisely not tested the waters in the gilt-edged market. It is learning the non-Japanese ropes in New York with the hope of operating in London once the "bloodbath" and the Anglo-Japanese stand-off over financial services are cleared.

It will, however, apply for membership of the Stock Exchange once the lists re-open. The new Stock Exchange priority of maintaining a single market may then triumph over resort to the "yellow peril" clause inappropriately inserted into the Financial Services Bill.

The main target of Nomura and other Japanese houses, however, is a London banking licence. The Bank of England requires by statute that overseas banks should be supervised by banking authorities in their home country. Japan is now trying to satisfy this form. At present securities houses and banks are supervised by different departments of the Japanese Ministry of Finance.

The Bank could, however, remain obstructive if it wants to insist that overseas companies can run the gamut from stockbroking to commercial banking in a series of walls, between different functions that will inevitably take some time to break down. How long Nomura et al have to wait will depend on goodwill presently lacking. Joint ventures in London and Tokyo can be expected.

Farewell to Wellcome by two top men

The Wellcome Foundation stands accused of carelessness. A week ago it revealed that the head of its American research team, Dr Pedro Cuatrecasas, was leaving to join Glaxo. Earlier, it was announced that William Sullivan, the head of the American operation, was also leaving. With the company's flotation on the stockmarket scheduled for January 29, these departures are unfortunate.

Last year Wellcome lost two eminent drug researchers, Sir James Black and Sir John Vane, so potential investors will want more in the way of explanation before they put up their money.

Of the latest departures, Mr Sullivan's is probably of lesser importance as he is known to be thinking of leaving. The irony of Dr Cuatrecasas' departure is that he is said to have left partly because he did not get on with Mr Sullivan. Whether he can now be persuaded to stay is uncertain.

Dr Cuatrecasas is responsible for launching a series of successful anti-viral drugs, including an anti-Herpes preparation in America, but his specialist area is receptors. No doubt Wellcome is hoping he will return to this at Glaxo, rather than compete in the anti-viral field.

The pathfinder prospectus, due out tomorrow should confirm that a quarter of the equity will be on offer at a fixed price. The company and its advisers, Robert Fleming, decided last week not to use the tender method.

Missing from both the pathfinder and the final prospectus will be a profits forecast. Fleming says that volatile currencies make the task of forecasting even more difficult than usual. If it wished, it could give a forecast at constant exchange rates and some indication of the effect of exchange rate movements; it has opted not to do this.

This year's profits will be flat. Steve Plag of Wood Mackenzie, the broker, has already cut his forecast for the year to August 31 from £150 million to £140 million. He is considering reducing it still further, probably to £125 million. Last year Wellcome made £122 million. In the main this downgrading simply reflects currency swings.

The prospectus will point to better prospects for 1987 and it may also have news about the new anti-depressant drug, Wellbutrin, which has just been given approval by the American Federal Drug Administration. This emphasizes the success of Wellcome's American team which suddenly has to take the strain of two significant departures.

Jobs more important than tax cuts, CBI tells Chancellor

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry, yesterday called for specific Budget measures to cut unemployment to be given priority over reductions in personal taxation or action to help business.

It also said that the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, should seize any opportunity to cut interest rates in the coming weeks.

The CBI's Budget recommendations are in three parts, adding up to a package costing £3.5 billion - the amount set aside for tax cuts by the Chancellor in the medium term financial strategy last March.

However, Sir James Cleimenson, the CBI president, made clear yesterday that if oil price and other uncertainties force Mr Lawson to reduce his Budget giveaway, priority should be accorded to a package of unemployment-reducing measures costing £1 billion.

These measures, which are based on existing government

special employment and training measures, are aimed at cutting the jobless by 330,000 over two years.

They include a development of the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, to encourage more job training; a reduction in the Job Release Scheme age limit from 64 to 62, together with other measures to encourage more flexible working arrangements; a Building Improvement Programme, based on the Community Programme; and increased funding for both Urban Development Grants and Derelict Land Grant schemes.

The full-year cost of these would total £1 billion, the CBI says. The 330,000 cut in unemployment would be after allowing for labour force growth.

Second on the CBI's list of Budget priorities is lower personal taxation, through a raising of income tax allowances and thresholds by 10 per cent more than is required just



Sir Terence Beckett: economy under-estimated

to compensate for inflation. This would cost £2.1 billion in a full year, and would take up to a million people out of income tax. It would have the desirable effect of improving incentives at the lower end of the incomes scale, the CBI says.

The third part of the package includes measures to improve competitiveness and growth.

Proposals include a 10 per cent partial business derating and the abolition of capital duty on new issues. In addition, there should be business assets relief from Capital Transfer Tax of 100 per cent, to safeguard the assets of smaller companies.

The CBI's director-general, Sir Terence Beckett, made it clear that the package is consistent with the Government's medium term financial strategy, and with lower interest rates.

Last week's rise in base rates was "a matter of real regret", he said. "The money markets have under-estimated the strength of the British economy".

He added: "We have an all-time high in real interest rates. Action must be taken to reduce them".

Sir James said that in the second half of last year rates could have been reduced. "The Chancellor was reluctant to move down when the opportunity offered itself".

Debenhams profits on target

By Patience Wheatcroft

The chairman of Burton Group, Mr Ralph Halpern, says that Debenhams will meet its £60 million profit forecast for 1985-86, but only because of the Burton trading operations which now take up more than 250,000 sq ft of Debenhams space.

Speaking at a crowded annual meeting, Burton's first since its bitter £560 million acquisition of Debenhams, he revealed that, excluding Debenhams, Burton sales were running 25 per cent ahead of the same period last year. Sales within Debenhams are showing an increase of only 8 per cent, including the

contribution from the new Burton departments.

Disappointment over the last figure helped to knock Burton shares from 52½p to 50½p, having touched 49½p at one point. But Mr Halpern was adamant that Debenhams still offered Burton all the potential for growth he had seen at the time of the takeover.

He was less certain about the continuing role of Sir Terence Conran in the Debenhams project, and will meet him on Friday to try to clarify the position. Since the Debenhams takeover, Sir Terence's Habitat Mothercare has merged with

British Home Stores to form Storehouse. Mr Halpern says he knew nothing of the merger until the day it was announced but clearly it has a bearing on Habitat's options to take up to 20 per cent of Debenhams

floor space and 20 per cent of the shares. These options run until the end of this year but Burton is keen to settle the matter sooner.

Mr Halpern still hopes that Sir Terence will take up the floor space in Debenhams.

He said there would be disposals of assets as Burton endeavours to reduce its debt to £100 million over the next three years.

Granada and Ladbroke plan merger

By Cliff Feltham

Granada Group and Ladbroke confirmed yesterday that they are discussing a merger which would create a £1.2 billion leisure conglomerate

taking in television, bingo, betting, hotels and holidays.

Both sides insisted that there would be no dominant partner in the new group. Ladbroke's chairman, Mr Cyril Stein, said that a merger would be along the lines of the Habitat/ British Home Stores get-together, and "neither set of shareholders would receive a bid premium".

The businesses appear to offer a neat fit. Ladbroke owns the Lasky's electrical chain and Granada operates its own television rental shops. Between them both groups operate more than 90 bingo halls, and have dual interests in catering and hotels.

On the stock market Ladbroke shares closed 10p lower at 31½p and Granada finished 4p off the top at 234p.

An agreed £11 million bid has been made for Gomme Holdings, maker of G-Plan furniture, by three of the company's directors. The bid has been recommended by Mr Leslie Gomme, the chairman,

Christmas sales disappoint

By Our Economics Correspondent

Christmas spending pushed up retail sales to a record level last month. But the December rise was not as large as had been expected.

Retail sales rose by 0.3 per cent last month. The index of sales volume hit a new high of 117.9 (1980=100), 3.0 per cent up on December 1984.

The rise was not as large as preliminary reports from retailers had suggested. Earlier this month, Retail Consortium, the retailers' organization, suggested that December sales would be 4 per cent up on a year earlier.

Yesterday, the consortium said: "It is a very good figure, another record Christmas." There appears to have been a greater tendency to shop early for Christmas than in the previous year.

For last year as a whole, sales volume was up by 4.2 per cent on 1984. The value of retail sales was £87.3 billion, 8.8 per cent up on the previous year.

In December, sales totalled £11.8 billion, 8 per cent higher than in December 1984. The CBI's Financial Times Distributive Trades Survey, published today, says that January sales are going well, with clothing retailers forecasting record results. But sales are expected to be down on last January for booksellers, stationers, confectioners, tobacconists and newsagents.

GKN in joint steel venture

British Steel and Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds have agreed to form a joint company to take over the manufacturing activities of BSC Special Steels and GKN's special steels and forging operations.

The two companies announced in August that they intended to set up a joint venture - code-named Phoenix II - in engineering steels to tackle this problem of severe overcapacity.

The new company, to be called United Engineering Steels, will start trading in April and expects sales of about £600 million with a capacity of 1.5 million tonnes. No substantial job losses are expected among the 11,000 employees.

Societies' record funding

By Lawrence Lever

Building society net funding from the retail sector declined by more than 20 per cent in 1985 despite an unexpected surge in net receipts at the end of the year, according to Building Societies Association figures yesterday.

The societies increasingly turned to wholesale sources for their funding requirements, raising a record £3 billion last year.

The BSA attributed the £865

million December net retail receipts - the highest monthly amount in 1985 - to the return of unsuccessful Laura Ashley share subscriptions and the transfer to bank current account money after the introduction of free banking by three clearing banks.

The decline in overall retail receipts for last year was caused by the failure of the building society movement to respond quickly to increased bank base rates in January, 1985.

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PLESSEY HOTLINE

Plessey in 'buy-British' Japanese breakthrough

By clinching a high-technology deal with Nitsuko - one of Japan's leading telecommunications equipment suppliers - Plessey has scored another major success for Britain's export drive.

Under a new agreement, Plessey will supply the CDSS modern office switchboard (marketed in the UK as the Monarch) to Nitsuko for sale in the Japanese home market.

Says Plessey Network and Office Systems chief executive, Ian Maclean: "Selling CDSS in Japan is a tremendous breakthrough for British technology. The CDSS system which we make in Beeston has already been sold to 30 countries, and this latest success confirms its world-class rating."

Nitsuko has stated that they chose the Plessey CDSS because it gave them an excellent opportunity to present their Japanese customers with a world-proven high technology system. They had every confidence the CDSS would sell well in Japan - one of the



The Plessey CDSS for Japan

largest and most competitive markets anywhere.

FIRST FOR BRITAIN

This breakthrough in Japan by Plessey marks the first occasion a British digital switching system has been approved for sale there. It involved gaining vital type approval from Nippon Telephone and Telegraph (NTT) - the

Japanese posts, telephone and telegraph administration.

Plessey has manufactured more digital telephone systems for business than any other British company and is accustomed to making intricate but essential changes to its products for different markets.

So, naturally, the CDSS for Nitsuko has Japanese characters on its console.

Peking awards Plessey the green light

Plessey has just signed a contract with the Beijing Foreign Trade Corporation for an urban traffic control system for the east district of Beijing (Peking).

The contract is a pilot system to upgrade 39 traffic junctions with the unique traffic-responsive control strategy known as SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique).

TRAINING INCLUDED

Plessey will supply, install and commission hardware and software for the two-year project, as well as training Beijing's traffic engineers.

The system will comprise 39 Plessey T200 intersection controllers, some 250 detectors, and sophisticated computer management, with operator peripherals and wallmap displays.

In the UK, Plessey installed more computer-controlled road traffic systems in 1985 than any other company.

Its Beijing SCOOT contract - the first outside a British territory - will recognise that apart from increasing motor traffic, five million bicycles use the Chinese capital's streets.

Plessey leads and grows in Europe

With its microchips, Plessey achieved greater sales percentage growth in Europe in 1985 than any other manufacturer in the world.

According to Dataquest - the independent specialists in electronics market research - Plessey's integrated circuit sales increased by 28.5%. The next fastest growing manufacturer was Fujitsu, whose European revenue was up by 22%, followed by Thomson, Signetics and ITT.

Plessey estimates that a fifth of its microchips are sold to its own companies for application in Plessey systems. The other 80% competes successfully in more than fifteen countries.

Watchman radar systems for China and Oman

Plessey has now been awarded two further significant contracts for its Watchman radar system - against international competition.

It will supply the Sultan of Oman's Air Force, and also the Xiamen International Airport in Fujian Province, China. In addition to Watchman radar and Watchman display systems, both orders incorporate Corsor secondary surveillance radar.

UNIQUE IN ITS CLASS

In air traffic control, Plessey Watchman radar is unique in its class. It's the first radar to feature a travelling wave tube transmitter, which, when combined with Plessey adaptive moving target detector signal processing and advanced pulse compression techniques, ensures consistent



Plessey Watchman radar

and reliable detection of the smallest targets, even in the most adverse weather.

This high performance in conditions such as heavy rain is particularly important at Xiamen, which is in an area subject to typhoons.

For both contracts, data will be presented on Watchman display consoles which each have a dedicated computer to provide opti-



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Brent crude oil slips to \$22.30

World oil prices continued their downward spiral yesterday. North Sea Brent crude - the market in European dealing - dropping to \$22.30 a barrel for March delivery.

Trading was very light in Europe with most dealers watching the American West Texas intermediate crude which had dropped below \$24, with little indication of a rally. At the same time the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has renewed its call for non-member producers such as Britain and Norway to cooperate with output cuts to maintain prices.

Senor Arturo Grisan, the Venezuelan oil minister and Opec president, said: "The industrialized countries should not overlook the fact that a fair and reasonable price for oil is the only guarantee of a stable market."

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS		MAIN PRICE CHANGES		CURRENCIES	
FT Ind 101094.3	(-14.5)	RISER:		London:	
FT All Share 84.42	(-7.60)	Gomme Holdings	83p +24p	£: \$1.4405 (unchanged)	
FT Euro Stoxx 80.61	(-0.34)	Jebsons Drilling	28p +7p	£: DM 3.5557 (0.017)	
FT SE 1001870.1	(-14.5)	Comb. Tech. Corp.	15p +6p	£: Sfr 3.0129 (0.0130)	
Bargains 28.443		Good Relations	143p +15p	£: FF 10.8990 (0.0643)	
Datastream USM106.01	(-0.36)	Radio City "A" NV	145p +1p	£: Yen 291.82 (-0.73)	
New York		A & M Group	14.50p +1p	£ Index: 78.1 (unchanged)	
Dow Jones 1517.19	(-3.32)	Moorgate Group	115p +7p	New York (latest):	
Tokyo		Memcon Int.	53p +3p	£: \$1.4400	
Nikkei Dow 12928.60	(-48.62)	British Benzol	73p +4p	£: DM 2.4720	
Hong Kong		Anglo-Indo Corp.	185p +9p	£ Index: 125.3 (-0.3)	
Hang Seng 1782.23	(-17.38)	NS-Swift Inds.	55p +3p	SCJ 20.613347	
Amsterdam 258.1	(-0.11)	M/S International	73p +3p	SDR 02.759865	
Sydney: AD1048.8	(-2.2)	Stanley (A.G.)	75p +4p	INTEREST RATES	
Frankfurt		Consultants (CBP)	80p +4p	London:	
Commerzbank 2106.1	(+42.2)	Pineapple Dance	40p +2p	Bank Base: 12½%	
Biruseks:		Boustead	42p +2p	3-month interbank 13½-13%	
General 788.26	(-4.68)	Crystalite	170p +7p	3-month eligible bills:	
Parley CA270.2	(-3.4)	FALLS:		buying rate 12½-2½	
		Geavor Tin	46p -12p	US:	
		ICC Oil	6.50p -1p	Prime Rate 9.50%	
		Promotions House	21p -2p	Federal Funds 7¾%	
		Oceonics	33p -3p	3-month Treasury Bills 7.24-7.22%	
		Woodward (Jonas)	33p -3p	20-year bond price 102½-102¾	
		Air Call	220p -15p		
		Unigroup	30p -7p		
		Goal Periclum	20p -4p		
		Gramp on TV "A"	27p -2p		

GOLD

London fixing: an \$338.80pm - \$341.00 close \$340.00 - \$340.50 (€338.00 - 238.50) New York: Comex \$340.45

WALL STREET

Table of stock prices for various companies including AMR, ASA, and others.

Blue chips retreat

New York (agencies) - The stock market turned mixed in active, early trading yesterday as blue chips lost their initial gains...

COMMODITIES

It was a day of sharp contrasts in the markets yesterday. Metals were overshadowed by the endless tin crisis, but copper and aluminium were quite strong and gave rise to hopes of real advances in 1986...

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound managed to recover most of its early falls yesterday, but remained weak overall. Sterling had initially risen to 1.4450 against the dollar after early signals from the money markets had pointed to a further rise in base rates...

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table showing Sterling spot and forward rates for various periods.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table showing other sterling rates for various countries and currencies.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing dollar spot rates for various countries and currencies.

Table of Canadian prices for various commodities and currencies.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The Bank stepped in early yesterday to indicate to the market that it did not want to see any change in base rates. Before this, some period rates were near to discounting a base rate of 14 per cent...

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trusts including High Low Company, Price, and other metrics.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table of financial trusts including various trust names and their performance.

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Table of London financial futures including Sterling, Euro, and other derivatives.

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS

Table of Euro-currency deposits for various banks and terms.

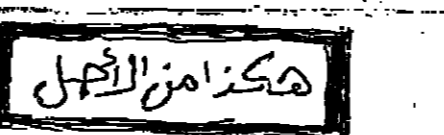
GOLD

Table of gold prices and related market data.

ECGD

Table of ECGD (European Coal and Steel Community Development) data.

Large table titled 'THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE' containing detailed information for numerous unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance metrics.



TEMPUS

The good news people add to pure Genius

As sponsor of Queens Park Rangers, Guinness knows all about clichés such as "not changing a winning team" and "having a good run". Both could be applied to the company which, with Ernest Saunders as skipper, is now one of the best supported in the City.

Quoted UK

Quoted UK plc is a very attractive business. Profits, earnings and dividends all reached record levels last year and look set to rise again in 1986.

Wicks

Wicks is doing its best to escape from its unfortunate past. But it faces an uphill struggle. The company is the European offshoot of Wicks Companies Inc (WCI) of America.

New Boeing 'will be cheaper than A320'

From Edward Townsend Seattle

Boeing, the world's largest aircraft maker, has claimed that its new generation of propeller-driven airliners for the 1990s will be 50 per cent more fuel efficient than its rival, the A320 European Airbus.

Westland and interest rates bring attack of the jitters

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Equities started with a sharp fall, rallied and tumbled again in often anxious stock market trading yesterday. The Government's acute embarrassment over the protracted Westland affair and growing fears that interest rates will be forced upwards again had a demoralizing impact on a market which is looking increasingly jittery.

4p at 230p. Apart from the weak tone of the market, there were also stories around the Square Mile that the bid from Imperial Group for UB will be referred to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission.

APPOINTMENTS

London and Continental Bankers: Mr Gunther Schmidt-Weyland is chairman, Mr Francois Jouve, deputy chairman, Mr George Hoffmann becomes vice-chairman and Mr Michael Gibbs becomes managing director.

Base Lending Rates: ABN Bank 12 1/2%, Adam & Company 12%, BCCI 12%, Citibank Savings 12%, Consolidated Credit 12%, Continental Trust 12%, Co-operative Bank 12%, C. Hoare & Co 12%, Lloyds Bank 12%, Nat Westminster 12%, Royal Bank Scotland 12%, TSB 12%, Citibank NA 12%, Mortgage Base Rate.

BES fund will help women to move ahead in business

By Lawrence Léver

A Business Expansion Scheme fund which aims to encourage women's participation in business was launched yesterday. The Leading Ladies Fund will invest solely in companies run by women or which encourage women in business and commerce.



Leading lights in Leading Ladies (from left): June Goodfield, Jennifer Laing, Louise Medawar and Liz Phillips.



The fund is looking for up to £5 million, with the minimum subscription for individuals set at £2,500. Target companies will be charged advisory fees, but nothing for the investment.

Onshore oil search record expected

The search for onshore oil is likely to set a record this year, after an upsurge of exploration in 1985, itself a record year. (David Young, Our Energy Correspondent, writes).

A survey by Petroleum Information shows that the oil companies expect to drill more than 100 wells this year. Sixty-seven were drilled last year, a 49 per cent increase on 1984. The number would have been higher if several companies had not delayed exploration until the new government licensing system was drawn up. In addition, several experienced delays during negotiations with land owners.

The first round of onshore licenses under the new system are to be announced in March, and many companies will begin exploratory drilling as soon as possible. BP, the biggest onshore operator in 1985 with responsibility for more than half the wells drilled, is planning to drill 60 wells this year. Carless exploration, which began 20 wells last year, plans 11 during 1986, and Conoco has budgeted for 16 wells this year.

COMPANY NEWS

- COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTIES: For the year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 31,622 (34,844), while the pretax profit was 2,528 (2,208). Earnings per share were 39.7p (34.7p). A final dividend of 3.71p (3.21p) is being paid on April 10, making a total of 5.74p (5.04p).

VALOR INTERNATIONAL: The company has acquired Orgatech Lighting and Kensa Collection Electric Fires groups.

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CRICKET: ENGLAND TOUR PARTY GET TOGETHER FOR NET PRACTICE

Three leading players miss workout at Lord's

David Gover, Graham Gooch and Ian Botham, possibly England's three key men in West Indies this spring, had vastly differing reasons for missing yesterday's pre-tour workout at Lord's.

West Indies unmoved

Port Of Spain, (Reuter) - The West Indies Cricket Board of control (WICBC) have defended their decision to let five players with South Africa links take part in England's tour of the West Indies, starting next week.

Gover, the captain, learned on his return from a holiday in the north Italian Alps that his mother had died. His planned meeting with the tour manager, Tony Brown, had to be cut short and the net session was run by the assistant manager, Bob Willis, and the vice-captain, Mike Gatting.

In a statement yesterday the WICBC said the International Cricket Conference (ICC) had already taken strong action to isolate South Africa and unilateral action by the WICBC would not help.

Gooch, who is present on holiday in the United States, while Botham was at Lord's but did not train because he had another engagement at the House of Commons. Botham was invited by the Prime Minister to a reception to mark his pre-Christmas walk from John O'Groats to Land's End.

The Trinidad-based Committee in Defence of West Indian Cricket (CIDWIC), a grouping of three influential trade unions, have sought a boycott of all matches on the island and threatened to make the tourists' stay as uncomfortable as possible.

Unions on the island are threatening to make life as difficult as possible for England, but Carr commented: "I'm told the reports are somewhat exaggerated."

The English team are due to arrive on January 26 for an 11-week tour, including five Tests, four one-day internationals and five first-class matches. Two of the Tests are due to be played in Trinidad.

David Smith, the Worcestershire batsman who was one of the surprise selections for the tour, summed up the players' view when he said: "Our job is to play cricket and we hope we can do that. It promises to be such a great series that it would be a terrible shame if there are disruptions."

Geoff Boycott played a straight bat yesterday to reports that he is unwelcome as a commentator on England's cricket tour of West Indies. The former England opener is expected to cover the tour, due to start in 11 days, but is said to be unwelcome in the Caribbean because of his links with South Africa.

He said at a Press conference to launch the sponsorship of the Test series by Cable and Wireless: "The West Indies have a tremendously powerful team, but I think that England might upset their apple-cart. In the past, England have played really well - some people will say that India and Australia were not that good, but you can only beat the team in front of you. We now have world-class batsmen in our top six, an excellent spin attack and fast bowlers wanting to make a name for themselves."

He revealed that there is still no agreement about over rates for the five-match Test series, but talks are continuing. "Our board are constantly pressing the point," he said. "But the tactic of not having a minimum number of overs is one that all teams have used when it suited them."



Two-way stretch: Edmonds warms up at Lord's with assistance of trainer Laurie Brown

England B recover but captain could be out for some time

Colombo (AFP) - Mark Nicholas, the England B captain, is almost certain to miss the next tour match against the Sri Lanka Board President's XI here tomorrow, and must be doubtful for the first international starting on January 20.

Nicholas limped off the field yesterday after scoring just a single in the second innings of England's drawn match against the Sri Lanka Colts XI and a pulled groin was diagnosed by the team's physiotherapist.

Table with cricket scores for England B. Columns include player names and runs scored. Includes sections for 'England B: First Innings' and 'Second Innings'.

The injury came at the end of a poor match for England. Starting the day needing seven runs to avoid the follow-on. They soon lost Cook, bowled for two.

But untroubled batting from Steven Rhodes, who took two hours for his 21 not out, together with support from David Lawrence, saw England to relative safety.

The Colts second innings started slowly, as if they intended to bat out the match, but by mid-afternoon they had accelerated to 102 for five, and declared, leaving England 238 to win in 40 overs.

Wilt Slack again played the seam bowlers well, but when the let-arms spin of Anurasisi was introduced, his first ball turned sharply to bowl the Middlesex opener.

When Barnett and Randall fell to poor shots, and Nicholas retired hurt, England were in danger of further embarrassment. However, Bill Athey played with increasing confidence, and when play finally ended, with England 94 for three, he was 53 not out.

SR LANKAN COLTS: First Innings: 247 (A Ranasinghe 120, Agraw 3 for 57, Fringe 3 for 41, Cook 3 for 58).

The Packers TV channel that covers the Tests has bequeathed him the ultimate accolade, a film clip of his most eccentric moments choreographed to the Hoodoo Guru's Record "Like Wow! Wipeout".

The Wipeout is apt. It is almost what happened to his Test career in 1983. He scored 75 against Pakistan and took four wickets on his debut, only to shatter his new-found reputation by petulantly disputing the umpire's leg-before decision.

But Matthews apologized and went on to tour to the West Indies. Journalists on the same tour recall him being about as socially acceptable to his teammates on the islands as Robinson Crusoe. "We'd never seen anything like it before," said Border.

Undoubtedly, he cut a ram figure and the reaction of his team-mates stung him. "I worried me tremendously. I felt very much the outsider. Some I got on very well with, but on the whole I felt I wasn't really accepted and it affected my play because I think it's easier when you receive positive vibes."

Thankfully for the 26-year-old New South Welshman and the remaining shreds of Aussie pride, the vibes are not only positive but ecstatic these days. Matthews scored his maiden Test century against New Zealand in November and delighted his audience with a wild war dance of celebration.

Despite his unconventional deportment on the field, Matthews has endeared himself even to the traditionalists by his fierce love of the game. His enthusiasm is unbounded and he has a string of stories to his credit. It is said, for instance, that on his Test debut he came in at number seven to join Graham Yallop, who was amassing 268 runs - the highest individual score ever in a match between Australia and Pakistan, and strolled up to his senior and promptly advised him on strokeplay.

Matthews: the "boogying bowler" who is now folk-hero

ATHLETICS

Milk money poured into schools should raise cream to the top

The National Dairy Council have confirmed their support for national schools athletics with a £1 million sponsorship package over the next five years; and this despite expected disruption at some levels of major fixtures this year because of the teachers' industrial action.

The smaller one is that, in the short term, the teachers' industrial action will probably mean that several teams for the English Schools Cross-Country Championships in Durham on March 22 will have to be selected without a county race. But, more worryingly for Neil Dickinson, the secretary of the English Schools AA, and John Hedge, the chairman of the National Council for School Sport, is that those teachers whose extra-curricular presence usually ensures that such as the county championships takes place may have found other things to do when the teachers' dispute is resolved.

On the positive side Dickinson, who has seen the English and Welsh annual fixture list rise from four to 14 since the advent of NDC support in 1979 and the one million pound in the Milk in Action scheme (awarded yesterday), foresees "expansion of the coaching courses, more international competition and the most recent Olympic champions to have first distinguished themselves in English schools' championships, as did the present double-world record holder, Steve Chapin, yesterday's Press conference in London was attended by other prominent internationalists who began their careers in schools' championships, Kathy Cook, Phil Brown, Judy Simpson and Geoff Parsons.

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FOOTBALL

S Africans try to lure Fashanu for £350,000

John Fashanu, Millwall's black forward, yesterday claimed that he had been offered £350,000 to play in South Africa and that other clubs in the second division League players had also been approached to play in the republic.

Fashanu, who turned down the offer, said that he had been contacted by a consortium, which included a leading South African businessman and another who was connected with the South African government.

He also claimed that he had information that the South African Government had set aside a large amount of money to bring sporting celebrities into South Africa.

Fashanu said that he had turned down the offer because of his views on apartheid and that other players had offered far more money, up to £1 million.

"I was astounded," he said. "The figure was incredible. I don't think I will ever be offered that sort of money. I was very, very surprised."

Award schemes hit by teachers' dispute

The teachers' dispute has disrupted proficiency award schemes for schoolchildren and could have a harmful long-term effect on British sport. Many of the 45 schemes are part of the extra-curricular activities which have been affected by industrial action.

The Central Council for Physical Recreation, whose Sports Leaders award scheme has been curtailed, and the Sports Council, lament the situation in state schools. John Wheatley, the director general, said that the sports Council were "greatly disappointed that the proficiency awards were suffering."

Gymnastics has been particularly severely hit. Their scheme, aimed at improving basic techniques, reaches 17,000 schools, but there has been a 85 per cent decrease in badge sales over the last six months.

In swimming, which is taught during school hours, the number of awards has risen slightly. But John Morris, the Scottish coach who works for the Amateur Swimming Association and the 1972 Olympic team manager, is still concerned about long-term effects because fewer teachers attending courses in their spare time to learn how to

RUGBY UNION

London call off tour

London Counties have followed the lead set by the British Lions and called off a proposed tour to South Africa.

Peter Yarranton, chairman of the London RFU tours committee, said: "It is with regret that London now considers such a tour to be inappropriate in the current circumstances."

He added that the committee were more hopeful that "a more favourable climate will prevail in the future."

He added that the committee arrived at this decision after the invitation by Transvaal had been discussed in "much detail" at a meeting on Monday night.

GOLF

Why professionals need to stay alert

Pro-am golf is, as Americans say, "something else". Something very different, certainly, from that simple business of thumping balls over the sand traps of the Scottish coast which started the whole thing off hundreds of years ago.

I would give a lot to see the expressions on the faces of Old Tom Morris or even James Braid. Could they but materialize here over the next five days to watch the goings-on in the 27th Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

What would they make I wonder, of the electric caddy cart, fully equipped with refrigerated cocktail bar and a bonnet shaped like the comedian's nose? Or the 364 rich ladies, most of whom have contributed several thousand pounds each to charity for the doubtful privilege of accompanying 128 leading professionals over the course of a 72-hole tournament.

YACHTING

French in at the deep end

Perth, Australia (AFP) - French Kist, one of two French challengers for the 1987 America's Cup, to be sailed here, will compete in the 12-metre championships here next month, although her crew took possession of her only two days ago.

Syndicate officials confirmed yesterday that the new boat was definitely in Perth, and that the crew, Marc Pajot, and his crew were said to be excited at the prospect of sailing the Philippe Briand design, completed in October, in the vigorous north-westerly breeze in the Indian Ocean.

The 12-metre was being checked out at her berth in the Fremantle club yesterday before going for an unofficial sail today. She will have a competitive test run on Friday and will be accompanied by her Western Australian-built tender, Kiss me Tender, on her first official sail here immediately afterwards.

The other French boat challenging for the America's Cup, the 12-metre challenger, was shipped by Pajot's brother Yves, has withdrawn from the world event because of financial problems.

£1m ends battle over ball

The United States Golf Association (USGA) has paid out almost £1 million to end a seven-year legal battle against a golf ball which it claims does not conform to its own rules.

The one-off court settlement with the Polara Company comes after two trials and two appeals and before a final ruling on Polara's claim that the USGA had conspired with the American Golf Ball Manufacturers Association to restrict the sale of the company's products.

IN BRIEF

Griffiths ousts Davis

Terry Griffiths, who has been struggling to find his form this season, qualified for the semi-finals of the Belgian Masters tournament by defeating the former world champion, Steve Davis, 5-2 at Ostend yesterday.

Mexicans are less than enthusiastic about the West German Gregor Braun's world one-hour cycling record attempt. A handrail turned out for his failed attempt last December but the Olympic Velodrome in Mexico City could be embarking on a new era for the renewed bid later this week. The Italian rider Francesco Moser, was cheered on by thousands to the one-hour record of 51.151 kilometres on January 12, 1984. Braun's failure, and his lame excuse about pollution levels, have won him no Mexican friends.

MOTOR RALLYING: Kenya's Safari rally has been cut by 1,000 knts 4,000 km and had its start date put back three days to March 30. The decision, taken by the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) to ensure the safety of three clear weeks between the event and the preceding Portuguese Rally, has angered the rally organisers, the Automobile Association (AA) of Kenya.

Heading the challengers is the San Diego Yacht Club's Seal America Foundation, whose skipper, Dennis Conner, is out to avenge his 1983 defeat.

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FOOTBALL

Altrincham rally to become the non-League team of the decade

By Dennis Shaw
Walsland, a former Birmingham goalkeeper, was forced to sprint out of his penalty area to boot the ball off the toe of Roberts...

McNeill's Irish move is off

Manchester City yesterday ended Billy McNeill's hope of becoming the part-time Republic of Ireland manager...

Rovers looking forward to visiting Everton

The Blackburn Manager Bobby Saxton, applauded his side for their win over Nottingham Forest in the third round of the FA Cup...

United send Robson to Dutch clinic

Bryan Robson, the Manchester United and England captain, has gone to an Amsterdam sports clinic for a rehabilitation course...

Swimmers look to greater recognition for achievements

Paris (AFP) - Every second year world swimming has something of a slump. With neither Olympic Games nor world championships...

Biondi has big task ahead of him

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RUGBY UNION



Warning sign: Norling making his point to those who challenge his authority

Words of caution about a game that is getting out of control

CLIVE NORLING, who has officiated in 10 internationals as a member of the Welsh Rugby Union international referees panel...

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By Srikanth Sen
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Bitter winds and fevers give tournament director problems

From Richard Evans, New York
The wind chill factor, as they like to call it here, was minus 20, and if some of the icy draught was being felt in the offices of Eugene Scott...

Bale pulls out with injury

Britain's team for the BASF European Cup next week had to be changed almost as soon as it was announced yesterday when Stuart Bale, the Middlesex left-hander...

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TENNIS

Navratlova wins at the double

Washington (Reuters) - The defending champion, Martina Navratlova, beat her doubles partner Pam Shriver 6-1, 6-4 in the Washington Women's tournament final yesterday...

Solent Stars under a dark cloud

By Nicholas Harling
Fifty poor Sperrings Solent Stars. The Solent coast club which came close to being liquidated in the Prudential national cup final at the Albert Hall on Monday night...

BASKETBALL

IN BRIEF
Scotland's Commonwealth Games team received major financial backing yesterday with the announcement of a £70,000 joint sponsorship by TSB Scotland and Lyons Tolley Tes, Arthur Campbell...

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING
BRITAIN: Six-day near fifth day: 1. P. Rippon (Newry) and G. Frank (Dun) 50:59.2; 2. D. Thrusell (Newry) and J. Taylor (Newry) 51:00.0...

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Montreal 7, Detroit 7; Boston 7, Toronto 7...

REAL TENNIS

LORD'S MCC: Cambridge University 3-2 (McCormack 14, 15; Houghton 12; 13; 14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 22; 23; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 29; 30; 31; 32; 33; 34; 35; 36; 37; 38; 39; 40; 41; 42; 43; 44; 45; 46; 47; 48; 49; 50; 51; 52; 53; 54; 55; 56; 57; 58; 59; 60; 61; 62; 63; 64; 65; 66; 67; 68; 69; 70; 71; 72; 73; 74; 75; 76; 77; 78; 79; 80; 81; 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; 87; 88; 89; 90; 91; 92; 93; 94; 95; 96; 97; 98; 99; 100; 101; 102; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108; 109; 110; 111; 112; 113; 114; 115; 116; 117; 118; 119; 120; 121; 122; 123; 124; 125; 126; 127; 128; 129; 130; 131; 132; 133; 134; 135; 136; 137; 138; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 148; 149; 150; 151; 152; 153; 154; 155; 156; 157; 158; 159; 160; 161; 162; 163; 164; 165; 166; 167; 168; 169; 170; 171; 172; 173; 174; 175; 176; 177; 178; 179; 180; 181; 182; 183; 184; 185; 186; 187; 188; 189; 190; 191; 192; 193; 194; 195; 196; 197; 198; 199; 200; 201; 202; 203; 204; 205; 206; 207; 208; 209; 210; 211; 212; 213; 214; 215; 216; 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MOTOR RACING

Jaguar flat out with brand new sponsor

By John Blunsden

Jaguar are to mark their fiftieth year of participating in motor sport by mounting a concentrated assault on the 1986 world sportscar championship...

The team's main effort will centre on Le Mans, where three cars will take part in the 24-hour race on May 31 and June 1...

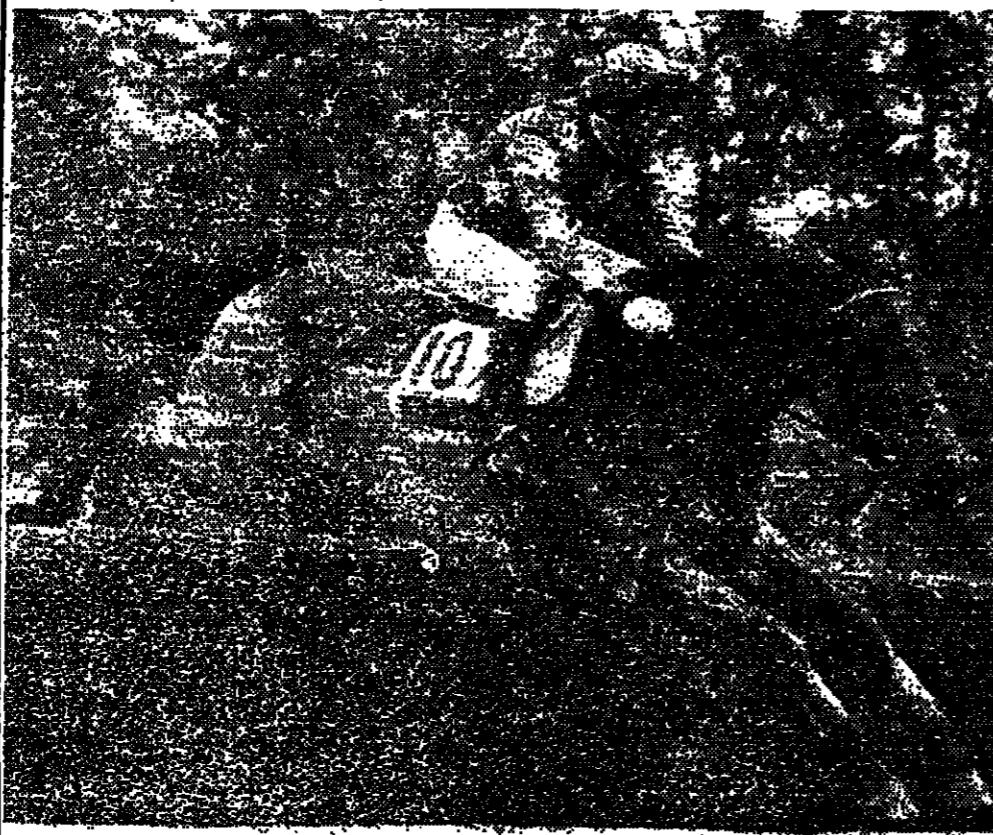
The latest XJR6, although based on last year's design, will benefit from a weight reducing programme...

World Sportscar Championship 1986: Monza, Silverstone, Spa, etc.

Rugby League: Wane's reward is captaincy of Under-21s

Shaun Wane, the young Wigan front row forward, who had an outstanding game in Saturday's John Player Trophy final...

RACING



Charter Party, the probable favourite for today's Royal Windsor Handicap Chase

Charter Party should keep the Nicholson celebrations going

By Mandarin

David Nicholson, and his stable jockey, Peter Scudamore, who stole the weekend honours at Ascot with those two courageous winners...

However, the Blewbury contender Arsenium, who chased home My Dominion (a fluent scorer at Ascot last weekend) at Warwick last month...

Only four turn out for the Lincoln Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase, and Monica Dickinson must have high hopes that Branding Iron...

Dates for the major races

Table listing major racing events for January, February, and March, including dates and locations.

WINDSOR

Going good

Table of race results for Windsor, including Royal Windsor Handicap Chase and others.

Windsor selections

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